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TRUMP BOASTS HE HAS MORE INDIAN SUPPORT THAN KAMALA

"She is of Indian heritage. I have more Indians than she has," the US president told a gathering in New York on Friday night

DON AT UNEASE OVER BIDEN'S PICK?

Analysts say Biden's choice of Indian-origin Kamala Harris as his running mate has put Trump at unease, especially given the cheer it evoked from the Indian community in the US. Trump has often highlighted his support among Indian-Americans. Last month, he thanked the community after polls showed them backing him over Biden in some battleground states

NEW COALITIONS LAUNCHED TO WOO DESIS

- Trump's re-election campaign on Friday launched four new coalitions seeking to boost the President's appeal to Indian-American, Sikh, Muslim and other South Asian communities
- The coalitions will engage community members to fight against Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' "socialist agenda", a statement said

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PM stresses on self-reliant India

Says 'vocal for local' mantra is the best way to raise country's share in world economy

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

MAKING a strong pitch towards self-reliance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the "mindset of a free India should be vocal for local". Through the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the country is shifting its focus from 'Make in India' to 'Make for world', the PM added.

Addressing the nation on the country's 74th Independence Day, Modi said, "It is necessary for us to make India self-reliant. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, Indians must resolve to become self-reliant. This is not just a word, but a mantra for the people."

Explaining the concept, Modi said, "We should appreciate our local products. If we don't do this, our products will not get the opportunity to do better and will not get encouraged."

Giving the example of N-95 masks, personal protective equipment and ventilators, he said when Covid-19 broke out, India hardly had any production of the items. But Indian entrepreneurs responded to the need of the times and they not only met the domestic demand, but exported them.

"India's share in the world economy should increase for which we have to be self-reliant," he added.

Modi sought to allay the concerns of economists that India, by resorting to imposing import duties and putting items in the restrictive list, was going back to the pre-1991 era of license-permit raj.

"When we talk about becoming self-reliant, we do not merely refer to decreasing the import demands," he said, but stressed that India cannot continue exporting raw material only for them to return as finished products.

Modi said while the country is striving for economic growth and self-reliance, development must go hand-in-hand with humanity. "India has always believed the entire world is one family. While we focus on economic growth and development, humanity must retain a central role in this process and our journey," he said.

The PM said global firms were looking at India as a major investment destination, which is reflected in an 18% jump in foreign direct investment last financial year. He credited the slew of reforms and legislative and administrative changes for this.

FULL COVERAGE: P2,7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

Development will guide 'Kalyana Rajya' goal: CM

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IN his first public appearance after recovering from Covid-19, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said the government is facing challenges on multiple fronts – the pandemic, the economic slowdown and floods. But life is slowly returning to normal with economic activities picking up, he said in his Independence Day address at the Manekshaw Parade Grounds here.

Yediyurappa said the aim is to build a 'Kalyana Rajya' (welfare state) with the principle of development as the only mantra. "We are taking giant strides towards realising Mahatma Gandhi's dream of building a 'Ram Rajya' and will practise 'Raj dharma' in true earnest," the CM said.

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J&K ELECTIONS

POLLS IN U.T. AFTER DELIMITATION IS COMPLETE: PM

Prime Minister Modi announced that elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held as soon as the delimitation process in the Union Territory gets over.

BREAKING TABOO

LOW-COST NAPKINS FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The PM, breaking a taboo, said under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra' scheme, the Centre is giving sanitary napkins at ₹1 to help women.

HEALTH FOR ALL

DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION UNVEILED

The National Digital Health Mission has been rolled out, under which every citizen will get a health ID to ease access to medical services.

MORE ON |P7

iPhone manufacturer to hire 10,000 staff at Kolar facility, to start production soon

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

AFTER the economy went on a downward spiral due to the Covid-induced lockdown, leading to large-scale job losses, some green shoots are now beginning to show. Taiwan-based Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing (India) Pvt Ltd, one of the main contract manufacturers of Apple devices, is expected to start commercial production of the popular iPhone at its Narasapura plant in Kolar district in the coming days. In preparation for this, the company has already started hiring activities.

Wistron announced its plans in 2017 and was allotted 43 acres by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) in Narasapura of Kolar district, about 70 km from Bengaluru. It had earlier said it will be investing around ₹3,000 crore on the project. The company presently has a facility at Peenya in Bengaluru, where iPhones are being assembled.

The manufacturing facility in Kolar is expected to generate around 10,000 jobs. As per the Karnataka Industrial Policy, 70 per cent of jobs should be given to locals. Accordingly, at least 7,000 people from Karnataka are expected to get jobs here. The company is believed to have already recruited about 2,000 people so far.

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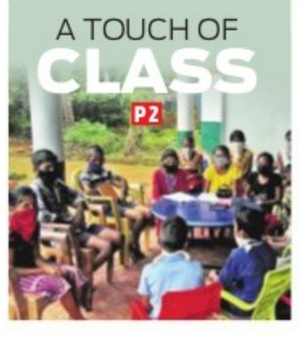
Song and speechless: Dhoni's Insta way to end instant cricket

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

SIXTEEN words. That's all it took for MS Dhoni to bid farewell to his international career on *Instagram*. It's a career that has seen the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. It's a career that has seen him being treated like the Gods, with fans garlanding him. It's also a career that has seen the public attack his house in Ranchi on at least two occasions.

It began in 2004, when Indian cricket, in search of new heroes, was subconsciously moving away from the metros.

If the whirlwind 148 against Pakistan five months later was the teaser, the unbeaten 183 against Sri Lanka in 2006 was the feature film. Dhoni, with the rockstar hair, and a swagger to match a Bond villain, had arrived. On Saturday, the only captain to win all four ICC trophies bowed out the way he came in — out of the blue. **P11**



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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Shri K.S. Eshwarappa inspecting the work progress of the department projects.

SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

Fervour high, but celebrations muted

On I-Day, Bengaluru students remember freedom fighters and take oath to honour Constitution

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EVEN as colleges kept Independence Day celebrations low-key, students partook in a pledge on social media.

Students from across the State pledged to build a socialist India towards a dignified life, education, job and health for all, in line with the views of the revolutionaries of the Independence movement.

The students, under the aegis of All India Democratic Students Organisation, pledged to remember the dream of many revolutionaries that "no child shall suffer hunger, no woman shall fear insecurity, job and health is accessible to all."

The fervour of the national celebration was not dimmed on the campuses. The vice chancellors and teachers were found in attendance, hoisting flags and holding a small gathering.

In the meantime, colleges were directed by the Department of Pre-university Education to celebrate Independence Day on their campuses on Saturday, sans students. Principals, lecturers and staff members were directed to celebrate the I-Day by adhering to Covid-19 norms.

S Japhet, vice chancellor of Bangalore City University, in his Independence Day speech, recalled Mahatma Gandhi who on several occasions, had mentioned that India's culture was to be self-reliant and had spoken about the country's potential to achieve self-sufficiency. "Atma Nirbhar Bharat and Make In India are two key schemes that will help India realise the Mahatma's dream," he said.

K R Venugopal, vice chancellor, Bangalore University, said, "We the citizens have a bounden duty to remember our freedom fighters who played a significant role during the British rule. They sacrificed their lives to obtain independence."

(Clockwise), A young girl on her father's shoulders carries the Tricolour during the 74th Independence Day celebrations at Parade Grounds on Saturday; CM B S Yediyurappa receives the Guard of Honour; pourakarmikas and Asha workers greet each other on I-Day | VINOD KUMAR T

Message of peace

In response to the violence in Bengaluru on Tuesday night, the city's students spread the message of peace and harmony on Independence Day.

They hoisted the flag at Sadashivanagar Police Station at 6am, marched to Mekhri Circle and stressed on the need to understand and protect the Constitution and spread the message of peace.

Civil Defence officer gets Gallantry Award

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

DR P R S Chetan, additional chief officer, commanding Quick Response Team (QRT), Civil Defence and his team rescued hundreds of flood victims in the State last year. These include 186 people stranded at the Hippie Islands along the Tungabhadra River.

Dr Chetan has been awarded with the President's Civil Defence Gallantry Medal for saving several lives in 2019 in the Tungabhadra River Flood Rescue Operation. This is the first Gallantry Award to Civil Defence in the last 50 years.

Dr P R S Chetan

Dr Chetan narrated to *TNSE* his experiences running rescue operations and his own near-death experience in the crocodile-infested river. "Around 200 people -- mostly foreigners – were stranded at the Hippie Island in Virupapura Gadde. The only option was to either airlift or ferry them across the river to safety. We rescued 186 people and the rest were airlifted," he said.

The rescue team had members from the Civil Defence (12) and the National Disaster Response Force (20). "Four of us were in a boat, which capsized. Two caught hold of a lifebuoy and floated to the shore, one caught hold of a tree and was airlifted by a helicopter. I was washed away and struggled to swim ashore for four-and-a-half hours. Fortunately, I was wearing a life jacket, else I would have drowned within minutes. There were strong undercurrents. I couldn't hear and my eyes started getting tired. I thought I would die when suddenly my legs got entangled in weeds. I got something to hold on to and managed to swim ashore. I blew the whistle, but no one heard it. I was injured and my body was sore. I walked for 2km, when villagers spotted me. I was taken to the nearest hospital," said Dr Chetan.

Two days in the hospital and on August 14, 2019, he went back to work. "I faced death in those hours in the river. I would like to rescue as many people as I can. It's my service to the country," said Dr Chetan.

TRICOLOUR ON PLATTER

Several organisations in Bengaluru worked for 30 hours straight to make tricoloured sandwiches for Covid workers on Independence Day. It was supported by All India Milli Council, Mercy Mission and others | MEGHANA SASTRY

Rabies vans launched for on-spot sterilisation

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THE BBMP Animal Husbandry Department launched three rabies vaccine mobile vehicles on Saturday, Independence Day. Citizens can dial 6364893322 for assistance, said Mayor M Goutham Kumar, after flagging off the vehicles from the BBMP head office. Now, dogs can be sterilised on the spot with the help of NGOs. Based on calls from citizens, the squads will also catch dogs for ABC programmes, and also keep an eye out for any animals needing treatment. These mobile vans will also be used to spread awareness on rabies among citizens.

EXPRESS READ

REVA university adopts 10 villages

Bengaluru: REVA University held its first virtual Independence Day on Saturday, focussing on the theme of Atmanirbhar India. University Chancellor Dr P Shyama Raju announced that the institute has signed an MoU with the State government to adopt 10 villages as a part of its 'Abhivrudhi' event. He hoisted the national flag and said that his dream was to ensure that every student and staffer united for a common dream of Atmanirbhar India. He also felicitated Vishal Kaushik, a Covid warrior, for saving lives, and the university's NCC cadets for supporting the needy during the pandemic.

A TOUCH OF CLASS

A school in Deriya for children of the Kunabi tribal community ensures that they study despite the pandemic

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S

PICS BY SUBHASH CHANDRA N S

At Deriya, a village in Joida taluk deep inside the Kali Tiger Reserve, the students step out of their houses in the afternoon. Led by Jayanand Dereker, president of Kunabi Samaj, Joida, and a native of Deriya, the kids, aged between 10 and 14, follow him crossing streams and rivulets.

They reach atop a hill where an isolated house stands. Jayanand takes out his mobile, checks its connectivity and finds it is a perfect place. He connects his mobile phone to a bluetooth device and contacts a teacher -- R Purnima -- former English Professor, Karnataka State Open University. She is at her residence 500 km away, also waiting anxiously to connect with the children to begin their classes.

This is a routine exercise at Deriya since the last 30 days despite the fact that Covid-19 has hit the education sector hard and the schools are closed. Though a few private schools have taken to digital teaching, the students of government schools are not so lucky. But the school in Deriya --- exclusively for children of Kunabi tribe community with about 20 students – is ensuring they are not deprived of studies despite the Covid-19 trouble.

Prof Purnima, a theatre expert, who volunteered for the job last year, trained them in English language skills and personality development using theatre as an educational tool.

As part of this 'fun-learning', the students participate in the quiz and word-building exercise. They are taught science, astro physics and trained in theatre. "The students enact short plays on the lives of scientists and inventors like Galileo, Issac Newton. Marie Curie, Thomas Alva Edison. Hershel and others," says Jayanand Derekar.

Prof Purnima says that she began teaching students at Deriya last year. "I began with English grammar. To make them understand active voice and passive voice, tenses and other rules, I used scientists and inventors and their inventions. This serves a dual purpose -- help them learn grammar and know about the scientists," she adds.

"I wanted to come to Deriya again, but I could not due to the spread of the virus. But after the lockdown was announced, I emailed the teaching module and the syllabus prepared by me, but the students started abstaining from the classes when a teacher tried to teach them. Then I thought of a mobile phone to teach," she said. The teaching also focuses on children's behaviour towards the physically challenged and senior citizens.

The response has been very good as the students are participating with great enthusiasm. "We can read English better now," says Neha Derekar, one of the students. Another student Arpita says that she learnt about several scientists like C V Raman and inventors like Robert Fulton, who developed the steamboat, Cyrus McCormick, who developed the reaper to harvest crops. Rohit Dereker, another student, mentions the short plays they enact about the ancient Indian astronomers like Kalhana.

This alternative school has brought relief among the parents who were worried about their children as schools have remained closed. "We must say that our children are lucky as they continue to learn despite all odds," says Yogish Derekar.

During this Covid-19 situation, students are deprived of studies and this may have a greater impact on them as they may not focus on studies in future. Activities like in Deriya will bring their focus back on studies. I appreciate the efforts of Prof Purnima and thank her on behalf of the taluk.

– Sanjay Kamble, Tahsildar, Joida

ABOUT DERIYA Residents of Deriya belong to Kunabi tribe, who have settled in the forests of Uttara Kannada since the early 17th century. They camped here after fleeing from Goa as the Portuguese resorted to forceful conversion. The village came to be known as Deriya (meaning camp). The community has 90 per cent literacy and is well connected with the outer world.

FIRST PHD Jayanand Derekar, president of Kunabi Samaj, Joida, is the first PhD holder. He obtained his doctorate degree from Mysore University in Community Forestry under the guidance of Prof R Indira.

This Dakshina Kannada artist makes art, naturally!

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

IN an era, which is at the receiving end of global warming and climate change, the need to ideate sustainable solutions and devise means to make life more eco-friendly is of paramount importance. While marching on this path, moulding children for a better tomorrow is crucial. And a fun way to do so is what a 31-year-old artist from Dakshina Kannada has been up to.

To encourage children to become more environmentally responsible, Vinodraj, who hails from Bettampady in Puttur taluk, is creating art using naturally available scraps and material typical of his region.

The artist, who works with the organisation 'Prathiroopi' under art director Shashidhar Adapa, began this initiative in March when he returned home from Bengaluru, following the lockdown. What began merely to spend the locked period in a fruitful manner has continued as a movement to inspire youngsters and keep them engaged.

Scouting for items to further his plan, brought him to his own sylvan green environs. Around his home, an abundance of dry leaves, coconut shells, dry flowers, tree branches, beehives, and stones would eventually be transformed into artworks.

Vinodraj says, "Nowadays, children are addicted to mobile phones. But it is our responsibility to instil love for nature in their minds. During the lockdown, I was rendered jobless. So, I decided to turn naturally available items from outside my house and some plantations nearby into art."

Asks Vinodraj: "When we have naturally available items, why use artificial, plastic things which are harmful to the environment?"

Inspired by the idea of turning waste into beautiful art, children from his locality began taking interest too. "When the lockdown rendered people jobless, Vinodraj inspired all to be positive and make the most of their free time. Even I have been making crafts using materials available at home," says Tushar K, a Class 10 student of Vivekananda School, Tenkila.

"Using items which most people discard as waste is inspiring to all of us. Even I want to become a successful artist like Vinodraj Sir," says Khyathi S Rai, a Class 4 student of Bethany English Medium School from Bettampady Guthumane.

Vinodraj completed his primary schooling at Bettampady and went on to pursue a five-year degree course at Nirmala Chitrakala Vidyalaya in Hassan. He then moved to Mysuru to bag a Masters in Fine Arts at the Kalanikethana Kala Vidyalaya.

He is also the key interior designer of Guthumane at Pilikula Nisargadhama under Adapa. For the last couple of years, Vinodraj has been a part of the team creating the state tableaux for the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.

Meanwhile, his 'sustainable art initiative' has created over 60 artworks with a frame and base using eco-friendly items, which he intends to exhibit in his hometown, as well as in Bengaluru, so that the youth are inspired to take up such craft. Some of his creations which have enthralled people include a gramophone made from a dried mushroom, a flower vase,and an owl created out of a dried coconut.

"Apart from scrap art, I have made digital paintings, including that of PM Modi and Lord Ram for the Bhoomi Puja in Ayodhya, which have gone viral on social media," he says.

Vinodraj is now busy painting a Buddha series, of which he has already completed five creations.

With Bengaluru continuing to register numerous Covid-19 cases daily, it may be a while before Vinodraj returns. "During this critical period, art keeps us engaged. These artworks helped me relax and stay positive. I urge the children and those who are indoors to get innovative and make the most and best of their free time," he says.

VINODRAJ, ARTIST

Vinodraj is an artist without a godfather, and it's his own passion and talent that have brought him success. The artworks that he has created, especially during these Covid times, are spontaneous and unique, and which can be preserved.

– Shashidhar Adapa
Vinodraj's mentor

A transwoman identified as Soujanya (32), a native of Kunigal who lived in Arishinakunte, died after she was knocked down by a speeding truck in Nelamangala town on Friday evening when she was out to buy groceries. Police are on the lookout for the driver.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'We are serious about recovering damages'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai speaks to *The New Sunday Express* on recent riots in Bengaluru, the need to modernise the police force, overcoming the shortage of policemen on the field and the challenges the force has been facing during Covid times. Excerpts.

You have drawn a connection between the upcoming BBMP polls and Bengaluru riots...
It is evident that over a period of time there has been a political rivalry in certain constituencies of the state for the votebank. Unlike traditional parties, the SDPI is pushing its ideology to control local bodies.

Are you hinting that SDPI is seeking to take over two Congress constituencies of Narasimharaja in Mysuru and Pulakeshinagar in Bengaluru?
It is between them and the answers are evident. Why should I comment?

How long will it take to recover damages from rioters?
We will follow the procedure laid down by the Supreme Court. We are in the process of assessing the losses. Once that is done and culprits are identified, we will start the recoveries. We are serious about it, as we want to send out a message that nobody can vandalise public and private property and get away with it.

You have spoken about 'across the border connection' of groups behind the riots, especially PFI...
Many state and central agencies are looking into this link. These groups can be very amorphous as they change their names, forms and identities to escape scrutiny. But our officers are on the field and nothing will escape the eye of the police.

In November, the CM spoke about SDPI's involvment in riots in Shivamogga and Mysuru. It was also allegedly behind the stabbing of MLA Tanveer Sait. Now, it has figured prominently in DJ Halli riots. But the party is registered with the Election Commission. Is a ban possible?
What Yediyurappa said was right and the FIRs and chargesheets are on record. There is nothing for me to comment. The propposed ban will be presented to the CM and after his consent, it will be sent to the Union Home Ministry.

The lack of strength and preparedness of police was exposed during the riots...
Bengaluru police will be equipped with electronic surveillance and artificial intelligence for effective policing, considering the high density of population in the city. Many technical experts too have suggested these measures.

The police complain of a severe staff shortage.
It is true that there are many vacancies in the force. We will fill up about 6,000 vacancies, including 1,000 SIs, this year. We will also fill up about 18,000 vacancies over the next three years.

What challenges to the police during Covid times?
Covid has been a challenge as over 3,000 policemen had to be quarantined as they were either positive or contacts of someone positive. Entire police stations had to be sealed. But that was only for a certain period and most of them are back on duty now. The morale in the department is very high.

Q&A
BASAVARAJ BOMMAI

How seriously are you about tackling cyber crimes ?
We have a cyber crime police station in each district, considering that such cases are being reported from Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi, Hubballi and other places. In Bengaluru, there are eight such stations. We have experts from IT and other sectors as consultants. I will call a meeting of banks and experts to discuss aspects related to cyber crimes.

What is the road ahead for the police?
We are a people-friendly force, and we have a good track record. We are ever striving to improve.

BDA cannot auction intermediary sites: HC

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IN THE HC

THE Karnataka High Court has restrained the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) from auctioning any intermediary sites pursuant to the impugned amendment to the BDA (Corner Sites and Commercial Sites) Rules.

Justice Krishna S Dixit passed the interim order restraining BDA from auctioning the sites, till the next date of hearing, after hearing a petition filed by Keroji Rao, an ex-serviceman, residing at Muthyalanagar in the city.

However, the judge said this order will not prohibit the BDA from auctioning other corner and commercial sites. Intermediary sites are plots situated between two sites in the lands acquired for development projects.

The petitioner, whose plea against BDA for cancellation of site allotted to him at Arkavathy Layout is pending before the court, contended that the BDA issued a notification on June 17 to dispose of sites through auction, ignoring the plight of several people like him.

He said that the BDA's action was aimed at benefiting privileged sections of society at the cost of underprivileged. The auction is not sustainable in law, he added.

Congress leaders blame intelligence failure for riots

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OPPOSITION Congress leaders on Saturday blamed intelligence failure for the violence and questioned the Home Minister for blaming the 'internal differences' in their party.

"On what basis is the minister making such allegations against the Congress? Let them first conduct the probe," former DyCM and head of the Congress fact-finding team Dr G Parameshwara said.

Speaking to the media after visiting DJ Halli, he said the State intelligence wing and Home Department failed to handle the situation and the government must order a probe by a sitting high court judge.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai had on Thursday alleged that internal differences within the Congress and the SDPI conspiracy to disturb peace were among the reasons for the violence. Congress leaders expressed concern that Bommai's remarks would prejudice the Central Crime Branch (CCB)'s investigation.

KPCC chief D K Shivakumar asked, "Who is he to blame the Congress?" He alleged that the party corporators were being threatened by issuing notices to appear for questioning.

"Let them examine the CCTV footage, arrest those involved in violence and not harass innocent people," said former home minister K J George, who is also a member of the party's fact-finding committee.

The committee members interacted with locals and police officers to gather information about the violence. It will give a report to the KPCC chief.

Later in the evening, Shivakumar expressed regret over addressing the Home Minister in the singular while launching a tirade against him. "I respect Basavaraj Bommai and his position as the Home Minister. I did not intentionally address him in the singular," he said.

BJP team to visit the spot

A team of six senior BJP leaders headed by BJP state vice president and MLA Aravind Limbavali will visit DJ Halli and KG Halli on Sunday and submit a report.

EXPRESS READ

Not contesting bypolls from Sira: Nikhil

Bengaluru: Son of former CM HD Kumaraswamy, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, rubbished rumours that he will contest the bypolls from Sira assembly constituency in Tumakuru. The Sira seat fell vacant after the death of JDS MLA B Sathyanarayana. Nikhil said, "I am not using this as a launching pad. During the 2018 assembly polls, I worked for our party candidates, representing many constituencies including Sira. Our party will field an able candidate and I will work for that person again."

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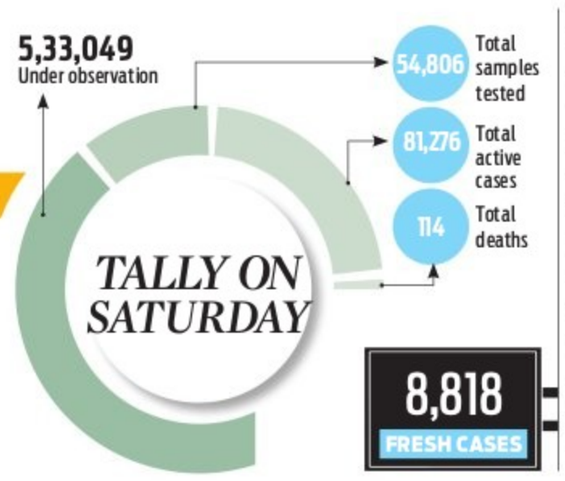

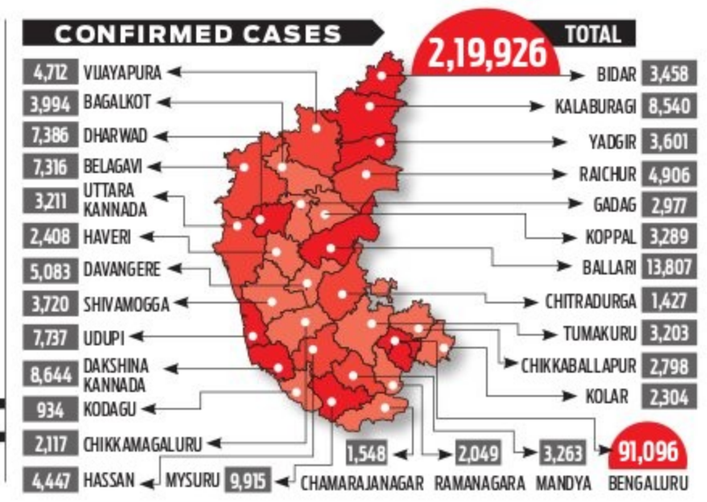

RAMPING IT UP

HEALTH DEPT AIMS AT TEST RESULTS IN 2 HRS

To supply more automated machines to labs across K'taka

A woman walks past a barricade placed outside a containment area | EXPRESS

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Health Department, apart from increasing sample collection, is also ensuring that testing is done effectively by ensuring enough number of machines in testing labs across the state. The stress is now on installing more automated machines so that RT-PCR results can be obtained in just two hours.

"We are increasing the number of samples being tested from 50,000 to 55,000 a day in 100 labs across the state. However, to ensure that there is no backlog, more automated machines are being added in these labs," Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, told *TNSE*.

Now, on any given day, there is a backlog of samples for the last 48 hours. The department wants to reduce the waiting time for patients by ensuring samples are analysed within two hours and reports given the same day. Now, it takes 24-48 hours for a patient to get the report.

The machines will be installed in labs not just in Bengaluru, where samples are high, but also in other districts where more cases are being reported, like in Ballari, Mysuru, Dakshina Kannada, Kalaburagi and Dharwad.

Each machine costs around ₹40-55 lakh depending on the model, and the state government is funding them. The Health Department is also getting CSR funds to supply these machines.

Currently, big labs, like those at NIMHANS and Bengaluru Medical College, have two RT-PCR and ribonucleic acid (RNA) extraction machines and the department aims to increase it to five, so that 96 samples can be analysed in four hours.

The department is also holding talks with government and private hospitals and clinics, asking them to help in early detection of cases by referring patients with nascent Covid symptoms for tests. Now, the emphasis is on pharmacies to inform the government about the sale of medicines for cold, fever, ILI and SARI type illnesses.

State records more than 8K positive cases in a single day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA on Friday crossed the 8,000-mark, recording 8,818 Covid-positive cases. It also recorded 144 deaths on the day. The state's mortality rate stands at 1.74% and the recovery rate at 60.05%. As many as 6,629 patients walked out of hospitals, taking the total number of discharges to 1,34,811.

Bengaluru Urban recorded the highest number of 3,495 new positive cases and 35 deaths. The district's mortality rate stands at 1.59% with a recovery rate of 58.65%.

As of Friday, most of the transmission of cases are through travel with 69,337 cases under investigation. The number of Covid tests done per million in Karnataka stands at 30,792, ranking seventh among states.

A visitor at Vidhana Soudha undergoes face detection for masks | EXPRESS

Oxygen lines damaged, 20 patients shifted

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

AN emergency evacuation of 20 Covid-19 positive patients was carried out around 12.30 am on Saturday, when an electric short circuit damaged the Oxygen Lines at the CV Raman General Hospital in Indiranagar. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials and hospital staff took quick measures in shifting the patients to other hospitals.

Some patients, whose oxygen saturation was low, were in the High Dependency Unit. When the authorities learnt about the accident, they immediately identified other hospitals where they could shift the patients. While 16 patients were shifted to Victoria Hospital in KR Market and one patient each to Fortis Hospital on Cunningham Road and Vydehi Hospital in Whitefield , two others were shifted to Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital on Millers Road.

BBMP officials and staffers of CV Raman General Hospital, in Bengaluru shifted patients around 12.30 am on Saturday

Dr H D R Radhakrishna, Medical Superintendent, CV Raman General Hospital, told TNIE, "Among the 20 patients, only 13 were on oxygen while others were relatives, who have also tested positive and wanted to shift out. There was a short circuit in the oxygen control panel. It was found that the lines were interlinked to the ICU and the ward. It happened around 8.30 pm, but we had stabilised the patients and informed the BBMP team. As a precautionary and collective decision, we decided to shift all the patients."

Dr Bhaskar Vijaykumar, nodal officer of BBMP east zone, said, "We got to know about the incident around 10.30 pm on Friday. We quickly reached the hospital and started looking for beds in other hospitals. The next step was to arrange for ambulances and in about 25 minutes we got about 20 ambulances which had oxygen."

He added, "Two patients were in ICU and needed spare oxygen cylinders. We got advanced life support ambulances for them. The other patients' saturation was around 80-90 which was manageable. But had we delayed the transportation, then their saturation levels would have dropped. Hence, everything was done quickly."

Around 3 am, the oxygen lines were fixed. CV Raman Hospital is a 150-bed facility which has about 90 Covid patients.

Mysuru man helps with over 120 funerals

AJITH M S @Mysuru

AMID the pandemic, burying loved ones has become a challenge. However, one man, popularly known as 'body miyan', has stepped up to help the city corporation, and has aided funerals of 120 Covid victims.

Ayub Ahmed has been ensuring that unclaimed bodies get respectful funerals, and was also featured in TNIE for his hard work. Ahmed claims to have arranged funerals for over 10,000 deceased in total belonging to different faiths.

Now, with standard operating procedures in place for the safe burial of bodies, it has become a task for loved ones to bid goodbye to the dead.

According to Mysuru City Corporation Health Officer Dr Jayanth, Covid deaths have been on the rise in the district, and so they decided to approach Ahmed, who readily agreed to help. "One needs to have courage and be selfless to do this," Dr Jayanth said, adding that the corporation is planning to give him a honorarium for his service.

That's not all, Ahmed has also been helping those who are having a hard time getting groceries. He has distributed kits to hundreds of families regularly over the last four months.

With no takers, hotel quarantine centres want to close down

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

Private hospitals that had associated with private hotels to set up Covid Care Centres (CCC) for asymptomatic patients are now considering shutting them down as the occupancy has been low. A total of 46 hospitals had tied up with various hotels in the city. But ever since the home quarantine option was introduced, there hardly were any takers for these private centres.

> **For any CCC to run, there should be at least 50 per cent occupancy. When we introduced this concept, home isolation protocol hadn't been issued**
>
> Dr HM Prasanna, president (elect), PHANA

According to Bruhat BBMP data on bed availability, 2,721 beds have been allocated to private CCCs, but only 535 are occupied, which is just 22 per cent. The Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) said it will shut down the facilities once the occupancy goes below 10 per cent.

The association said patients are not opting for hotel quarantining as the home isolation protocol changed for asymptomatic Covid patients.

PHANA president Dr R Ravinda said, "Most hotels that were turned into private CCCs are empty. Patients would rather isolate at home than pay to stay at these facilities. The only patients coming in are those who have senior citizens at home. If this continues, we will have to close them, as this is only leading to losses. We have deployed six nurses, two doctors and housekeeping staff at each CCC, whom we pay every day, as well as bear the cost for the disposal of biomedical waste."

Some hospitals such as People Tree Hospital, which is associated with Hotel Aura Inn, and Columbia Asia Hospital, which has tied up with Oyo Silver Key, have a 40-bed capacity, but have seen zero occupancy. At The Chancery Pavilion, which has a tie-up with Philomena's Hospital, there is a capacity for 200 beds, but only 14 are occupied.

COVID WATCH

Home chefs supply meal boxes to Covid warriors

Bengaluru: On the occasion of Independence Day, around 200 home chefs from various parts of Bengaluru came together to give 240 meal boxes to police officers in HSR, Bellandur and Varthur police stations, primary health centres and lake marshals. Sonali Singh, from Varthur Rising, told TNIE that for the last two days, the women have also been serving fresh home cooked meals to KR Puram Hospital, Bowring Hospital, and Covid Care Centres in Peenya and Hebbal BMTC depot. Women have come together under the umbrella name — Helping Hand Group. **ENS**

Newspaper stringer dies of Covid-19

Tumakuru: A newspaper stringer Jayanna (37) of Gubbi taluk in Tumkuru district died of Covid-19 on Friday night. After he tested positive, he was admitted to a designated hospital on August 6. He was later shifted to the ICU as he suffered from respiratory infection the next day. **Jayanna**, who was an MA in Economics graduate, was working as a guest lecturer in several colleges, including Tiptur. He is survived by his wife and a son. The Journalists Association has demanded a compensation of ₹5 lakh for his family. **ENS**

Mysuru district sees 635 fresh cases

ENS @ Mysuru

THE three-digit single-day spike in Covid cases continues to haunt Mysuru, with the district reporting 635 fresh cases on Saturday. The total number stands at 9,915. Ten people in the age group of 42 to 70 years succumbed to Covid in the district, taking the toll to 294. The district also reported 259 single-day recoveries. With this, the total discharges are at 6,089.

Of the total cases reported in Mysuru district, nearly 82% of cases are in the city alone followed by Nanjangud, T Narasipur and KR Nagar taluks. Of the total Covid death toll in the district, 26 were patients were from neighboring districts who were referred to hospitals in Mysuru but succumbed here. Seventeen of them were from Mandya while seven were from Chamarajanagar and other cases were from Kodagu, Channapatna and Hassan districts.

Kaval Byrasandra riots: 84 more arrested

A resident of DJ Halli walks past a burnt police vehicle that was set on fire, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM B N

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CCB and East Division police on Friday arrested 84 more people in connection with the violence in DJ Halli on Tuesday night. Till now, 290 people have been arrested and 42 FIRs filed till Saturday over the violence in which three people died in police firing.

The trigger was allegedly a derogatory post on Facebook.

The accused were arrested from Kaval Byrasandra and surrounding areas, and also neighbouring districts, a senior police officer said. Some of the accused had fled to neighbouring districts to evade arrest and were traced using their mobile phone location. When the police checked the phones of some of the arrested people, they found that the messages and call records had been deleted.

The accused had used social networking platforms, like Whatsapp, to send audio and video messages to their associates, who reached the spot and indulged in vandalism, arson and stone-throwing, the police said.

MLA files complaint

ENS @Bengaluru

Three days after his house was burnt down by a violent mob, Congress **MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy** filed a complaint with the DJ Halli police, alleging that his family was the target of a well-planned attack, the aim of which, was to burn his family alive. He told the police that he approached them only on Friday as he was traumatised by the events.

He said in the complaint that valuables, documents, and other belongings were stolen from the house, and pegged the loss at Rs 3 crore. He told the media that his advocate would provide details about the losses and requested the state government to compensate him for the damages.

One arrested for violence dies after heart attack, found Covid-positive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ONE person arrested in the DJ Halli violence case died due to cardiac arrest on Saturday. He was later found Covid-19 positive.

Syed Nadeem (24), a resident of KG Halli, was arrested on August 12 morning and later produced before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate and was sent to judicial custody. He was lodged in Parappana Agrahara jail.

When he complained about chest pain, stomach pain and breathlessness, he was taken to Bowring Hospital. He was operated for a blunt injury (not bullet injury) and was under medical observation.

He tested Covid positive and did not respond to post-operative treatment due to subsequent complications and lost his life, according to police.

"He complained of chest pain and was brought to the hospital where he succumbed. He did not die of bullet injury. The test reports confirmed that he was Covid positive," said City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant. The family of Syed who came to the hospital were informed about his death.

Meanwhile, while some leaders alleged that minors were involved in the riot and have been detained by the police, a senior police officer from the CCB said no minors have been arrested.

A health worker collects swabs from officers inside DJ Halli Police Station, in Bengaluru, which was set ablaze by a mob on Tuesday; (right) two kids play on a road in the locality amid charred vehicles on Saturday | SHRIRAM B N

It'll take a year to produce Covid vaccine: WHO expert

Organisation raising funds globally to make drug available for free

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

THE World Health Organisation is raising funds globally for people to get the Covid-19 vaccine free of cost. Currently India is only in the first phase of vaccine trials and it will take at least a year for the vaccines to be finalised, according to WHO chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan.

Addressing reporters here on Saturday, she said, "Eight vaccines are being developed by different companies in India. Normally, it takes five to ten years to develop a vaccine. However, due to the pandemic, it will now takes up to one and half years at least. No vaccine has come to the stage of producing data to WHO on its success as yet. Only after WHO gets the clinical trial data of vaccines, a licence of authorisation will be given."

On the rising number of Covid-19 deaths in the State, Soumya Swaminathan said the death rate in Tamil Nadu is low and early diagnosis is vital to saving lives. "Wearing mask and maintaining social distance will be the new normal for the next one year. All departments of the State government have played a role in Covid-19 containment," she said.

Stating that measures like lockdown are only temporary, Soumya said, "Preventing a second wave of infection is a high priority. No country is able to stop the virus growth and cases again grow after the restrictions are lifted. We must work on keeping the number of cases low."

Telangana crosses 90-K mark

Hyderabad: Telangana breached the 90-K mark with 1,863 new Covid-19 cases on Saturday. The State's virus tally now stands at 90,259. In the last 24 hours, 21,239 tests were conducted. Meanwhile, 10 persons died of Covid and the death toll is 684. There are 23,379 active cases, of which 16,221 are in home isolation. As many as 1,912 people recovered from the disease on Saturday, taking the State's recovery rate to 73.4 per cent. It may be mentioned that Telangana is now the 9th worst Covid-affected state in the country.Though the GHMC reported 394 cases -- the highest in the State on Saturday -- its caseload has come down considerably.

BOON OR BANE?

1 With heavy rainfall lashing across Tamil Nadu districts, farmers resume paddy cultivation at Poonamalle on the outskirts of Chennai on Saturday

2 Disaster teams shift residents of low-lying areas of Andhra Pradesh to relief shelters

3 10 farmers trapped in a flooded field at a village in Andhra airlifted by an IAF chopper

PICS: DEBADATTA MALLICK, EXPRESS

'Wistron has started trial production'

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SPEAKING to *TNSE*, Gaurav Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Industries and Commerce Department, said, "We are happy to note that recruitment process has begun. They are going to start production soon," he added. Wistron authorities, however, declined to comment.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, a senior official of the Department of Industries and Commerce said land was handed over to the company in July 2018. Construction work had already started and some blocks are completed too.

"We were told that the company will be hiring in a phased manner. At present, walk-in interviews are being conducted at the company site in Kolar for ITI and diploma graduates," an official said. More recruitments, including of freshers and experienced people, are expected soon. The company has already started trial production and hopefully, by September, they will start commercial operation", the official added.

Fee row: Child rights body steps in

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

THE National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has directed the principal secretary of the primary and secondary education department to take action against a school in Whitefield that discriminated against a child due to the non-payment of fees.

In a letter dated August 13, the commission took cognisance of a complaint by a parent regarding his son's inappropriate dismissal from Euro School in Whitefield.

There have also been complaints that the school hiked the fees by 15%, ignoring the State government's circular.

The commission asked the principal secretary to examine the complaints and to initiate action against the school. The commission has sought a compliance report from the State government by August 27. The school has not respond to TNIE's queries.

METRO 2ND PHASE

Tunnel boring machine makes 1st ring at Cantt

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THE first tunnel boring machine 'Urja', whose operation was launched by Chief Minister B S Yedyurappa a fortnight ago, created its first ring on an underground hard rock below the Cantonment area on Friday. This marks the first breakthrough in the tunneling of the underground corridor running to 13.9 km between Dairy Circle and Nagawara (Reach-6) stretch of Phase-II. The machine has to drill 2.88 km between Cantonment and Shivaji Nagar Metro stations. It will operate in a circular fashion to bore through hard rocks and the soil by creating rings.

BMRCL Managing Director Ajay Seth said, "The first ring was created by it on the eve of the 74th Independence Day. The underground section, when commissioned, will carry nearly 4 lakh commuters on a daily basis." With TBM Vindhya set to be commissioned next.

The UG corridor from the South Ramp of Jayanagar Fire Station to North Ramp near Nagawara Underground Metro station will have 12 underground stations with the two tunnels running parallel to a length of 10.37 km. "We are aiming to inaugurate the first stretch of Phase-II, from Yelachenahalli to Anjanapura, on Karnataka Rajyotsava Day which falls on November 1," Seth added. However, officials had said it would take till end of November to commission the line due to ongoing delays in carrying out works due to the pandemic.

Urja is one of four TBMs bought from China to create the underground corridor. Nine TBMs will be deployed in creating the two tunnels. The entire 72.1 km Phase-II will carry 14 lakh commuters daily when they will be commissioned in stages between November 2020 to June 2024, the MD added.

Don't fear pandemic, but be alert, BSY tells people

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PAYING tribute to Covid warriors, CM B S Yediyurappa said health workers have fought this war just like the soldiers on the front line. "Covid-19 has affected not only just the health sector, but every other sphere of life. I too was infected and I have fully recovered. People need not harbour worries or be afraid of this infection," he said.

The lockdown was imposed to prevent the spread of the infection in the early stages of the Covid-19 outbreak, but economic and social activities came to a standstill. "After learning from global examples, we have facilitated the bouncing back of economic activities by following the Union Government guidelines making it mandatory to wear face masks, washing hands with soap and maintaining social distancing," he said. But he warned that if people are not alert or careful, no amount of government action will yield any result.

"Our government is providing free treatment to Covid warriors like doctors, health workers, ASHA workers, paramedical staff, anganawadi workers, police personnel, pourakarmikas and government employees if they are infected. In case of death, Rs 30 lakh compensation will be given to the family," he pointed out.

The government has set up dedicated hospitals for Covid-19 treatment, fever clinics and Covid Care Centres in Bengaluru and all district headquarters. "We have established quarantine facilities to identify and isolate infected persons. Amid the pandemic, we have successfully conducted SSLC exams and the Common Entrance Test", the CM declared.

"Despite testing positive for Covid-19, candidates were allowed to write the SSLC exam after making special arrangements. It is a matter of pride that the Centre and other States have appreciated the Karnataka model in many areas and have taken several similar initiatives," Yediyurappa stressed.

EXPRESS READ

Shramik trains leave for Guwahati

Bengaluru: Ten days after the previous Shramik Special left from KSR railway station to Guwahati, a Shramik Special was run at 7.10 pm, again from KSR Bengaluru to Guwahati. It had 976 passengers on board, said an official release. This marks the 267th train from South Western Railway, it added. Food and snacks were provided to passengers on board by the State government, it said. **ENS**

Mild tremor in Koyna region

Belagavi: Even as incessant rain continued to lash areas on Karnataka-Maharashtra border since Friday night, a mild tremor was recorded in the Koyna dam region in Maharashtra with its epicentre at Chikkali village near Varna dam. **ENS**

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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank ltd** has brought to sale the below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged to **Sir. M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd,** in **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** under the Securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred U/s 13(4) read with (Rules 8 & 9)

Name of the Borrower : **Sri.Mohan Ram V -** Borrower, **Smt. Sandhyalakshmi D - Guarantor,** W/o Sri.Mohan Ram V, No.58/192, 'Ganesh Nilaya' 5th Cross, Kirloskar Colony, Bangalore- 560079.

SCHEDULE-A: All that Piece and Parcel of the Immovable property bearing No.48, Khatha No.-2676/47-2677/48, E Khatha Property No. 150200202800520451 formed in the converted Sy.No.61/1B, in the Layout known as' NANDI NATURE RESIDENCY' situated at Bettanagere Village, Dasanapura Hobali, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 18.28 Mtrs and North to South : 15.24 Mtrs totally measuring 278.71 Sq Mtrs or 3000 Sq ft with building there on and bounded on East by: 9 Mtrs Road, West by: Site No 69 & Site No.70, North by : Site No.46, South by: Site No.49.

Details of Secured Debts - Details of secured debts HLEMI-24 & ML-EMI-4 Total due up to **Rs.71,24,617/-** (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventeen Only) as on **31.10.2019** with further Interest + Costs.

Reserve Price – **Rs.68,00,000/-** EMD Amount – **Rs.6,80,000/-**
Place of Auction : SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Corporate Office: #109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
Date & Time : 28.08.2020 Friday at 12.30 P.M.

Other Terms and Condition:

1) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. This amount should be deposited.
2) The property as described shall not be sold below the reserve price.
3) The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount inclusive of EMD immediately on the same day in RTGS / DD to the Bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction, failing which the amount already paid by him/her will be forfeited.
4) The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the Bank without any Prior Notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
5) The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee, local taxes and any other statutory dues etc.
6) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
7) The property sold under AS IS WHERE IS CONDITIONS and terms stipulated under Securitization Act 2002. The authorized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and conditions of this notice of sale without prior notice at his discretion.
8) For inspection of the property or any further details the intending bidders may contact undersigned at **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co Operative Bank Limited,** No.109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560004 during office hours. **Ph. No. Sale officer: 8095340265, Manager: 9449861962 , Rajajinagar Branch: 080-22956406/080-22956407**

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 23.07.2020 **Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha
113, R. V. Road, V. V. Puram, Bangalore- 560 004
Phone: 080 22410151/22429151, 9900569151, E-mail: sssbn1vvp@sreenidhibank.com

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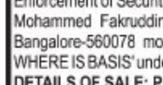

Sri Mohammed Tanveer & Smt. Zubeida. P. P

Sale of Immovable Property Mortgaged to Bank Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **(No 54 of 2002) -- SARFAESI ACT**

Whereas Sri.Mohammed Tanveer S/o Mohammed Fakruddin and Smt. Zubeida.P.P W/o Mchammed Tanveer residing at No.39, Basappa Garden, Yelachenahalli Bangalore-560078 has borrowed monies from Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, V V Puram Branch, #113, 1st Floor, R V Road, V V Puram, Bangalore – 560004 and he owe a sum of **Rs.77,57,426/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Six only) and **Rs.30,98,357/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Seven only) Total Amount of **Rs.1,08,55,783/-** (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three only) with further interest @ 14.00% per annum as on 16/08/2020 and costs there on.

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued notice under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and thereafter has taken possession of the property owned by Sri.Mohammed Tanveer S/o Mohammed Fakruddin and Smt.Zubeida.P.P W/o Mohammed Tanveer Residing at No.39, Basappa Garden, Yelachenahalli Bangalore-560078 mortgaged to the Bank and has decided to sell the property, described in Schedule "A" & "B" herein below, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' under rules 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DETAILS OF SALE: Place of Auction: Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, #113, R.V.Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560004. Date/Day & time of auction: 23/09/2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

Schedule-A : All that piece and parcel of Property (belonging to Mr. Mohammed Tanveer) bearing No.19 formed in Land bearing Sy No.17/2 of Yelachenahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.Measuring East to West 28 feet and North to South 33 feet totally in all measuring 924 Sq.ft consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third floor with Mosic flooring, Saal/Honne Doors and windows, Ventilators, Ward robes wooden doors and windows and Ventilators with all civic amenities and bounded on the East by: **Property No.29 belongs to choodamani** West by : **22 feet wide Road** North by : **Site No.18** South by : 20 **feet wide Road.**
Reserve Price: Rs. 62,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs) only

Schedule-B : All that piece and parcel of Property (belonging to Mr.Mohammed Tanveer and Mrs.Zubeida.P.P) bearing site No.39, old Katha No.17/2, New Khatha No.117, situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 27 feet in all measuring 810 Sq.ft consisting of Ground, First, Second floor with RCC flooring, Saal/Honne Doors and windows, Ventilators, Ward robes wooden doors and windows with all civic amenities and bounded on the East by : **Private Property**, West by : **Road,** North by : **Site No.38**, South By : **Site No.39/A**
Reserve Price: Rs.52,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs) only

Terms & Conditions of Auction:

1) For participating in the auction, the intending bidders have to deposit 10% of reserve price of the property by Bankers cheque/Demand Draft favouring the Authorised Officer, Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, Payable at Bangalore which is refundable, if the bid is not successful.
2) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance within 15 days. Payment to be made only in the form of cash or bankers cheque/ DD drawn in favour of the Authorised Officer, Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha.
3) Incase the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance amount within 15 days, the entire deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice.
4) The successful bidder would bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance such as Stamp duty, Registration fee etc., as applicable as per law.
5) The Authorised officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Govt. or anybody in respect of the property under sale.
6) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn/ postpone the auction without assigning any reason therefore.
7) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
8) The auction of the property will be made as per the above order or at the discretion of the Authorised Officer.
9) For inspection of property, the intending bidders may contact, Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, V.V Puram Branch, #113, 1st Floor, R.V Road, V.V Puram Bangalore – 560004 during the office hours or may contact at telephone No.080 22410151/22429151, 9900569151.

Sd/-
Date : 16/08/2020 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha**

Reality exists in the human mind, and nowhere else

George Orwell

NEP 2020: PIETY DEMANDS EDUCATED OUTCOME PLAN

HISTORY offers profound insights on why we are where we are and why we are not where we should be.

In 1966, the National Education Commission chaired by Daulat Singh Kothari suggested that India's expenditure on education should be increased to 6 per cent of GDP. More than half a century later India continues to aspire to spend 6 per cent of GDP on education. The bitter truth is spelt out in the recently released New Education Policy 2020.

The Kothari Commission Report listed a set of goals — numerical and language literacy, inculcation of social responsibility, vocational training in secondary education, special emphasis on teacher training and quality of teachers and focus on research in higher education — for nation building. The fact that 54 years later India's New Education Policy should need to list foundational literacy, quality of teaching, equity and inclusion, curtailing dropout rates, vocational education and holistic education is an eloquent testimony on how India's policies failed children over seven decades.

THE THIRD EYE

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Comparisons often illustrate successes and failures eloquently. In 1966 when the Kothari Commission submitted its report, India and Indonesia had similar rates of literacy. In 2020, Indonesia boasts of a literacy of 95-plus per cent and India is at 75 per cent. Yes, India has improved enrolment thanks to midday meals and access after Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Quantity though is not accompanied by quality.

Such is the rot in the system that India's youth is caught between lack of employment and poor employability. In mean years of schooling, which is number of completed years of schooling, India fares worse than its BRIC peers Brazil, Russia and China. This factor accounts for lack of competitiveness in many labour intensive sectors and is one of the causes for poor yield in agriculture. The crux is the state of primary education. For decades since M C Chagla, education has lacked a champion for the cause. Originally a state subject, education was dragged onto the Concurrent List in the seventies triggering a bipolar disorder, divorce of authority and accountability between the Centre and the states.

Money is an issue but money is not the central issue. In the past two decades, India's expenditure on education, the Centre and states put together, rose from ₹67,000 crore in 2000 to nearly ₹6.5 lakh crore in 2019. Yet even as the government has spent more and more, ever more people are choosing to send their children to private schools — between 2014 and 2018, the number of students in government schools dropped by 1.24 crore. In 2019, nearly 48 per cent of children are enrolled in private schools — the reasons range from a yearning for English-medium schools to perceived better outcomes.

NEP 2020 is pious in intent and is informed and influenced by a wide array of research and experiences — not to mention three drafts and through the tenure of three Human Resource Development ministers in six years. The 63-page promissory note to the future of India is eloquent in its promises of what it aims but tentative in its approach and coy about a plan of how!

Hindsight, the cliché has it, is 2020 vision. NEP 2020 promises change but much rests on flailing systems. It assures emphasis on early childhood care and education using a combination of Balvatikas and Anganwadi centres, which is problematic given the state of physical and human infrastructure. In December 2019, the government informed Parliament that of the 13.77 lakh anganwadi centres, 3.62 lakh do not have toilets and 1.59 lakh do not have drinking water facilities. Anganwadi centres are also understaffed with over 1.75 lakh posts left vacant.

In the classroom, teaching demands the presence of teachers. The new policy assures Anganwadis will be expanded, teacher vacancies will be filled. Data reveals the assurance could well be a triumph of hope over history. In 2014, over eight lakh teacher posts were left vacant by states. In July 2019, the government informed Parliament that over 10 lakh posts of teachers in primary and secondary schools were vacant across states — Bihar and Uttar Pradesh accounting for nearly half the vacancies in primary schools.

The state of affairs in education is really the state of governance. There is no dearth of solutions. The gaps in capacity can be bridged. Creating tutor posts at different levels, allowing for internship/apprenticeship based teaching degree will bridge gaps and spur income/employment. Recast of syllabus load can end the chapter-to-chapter scramble and allow teachers to create room for improving pedagogy. Use of technology from use of QR Code enabled access to online material to web streaming of lessons to app-based learning to simple access to tutors on a stipend on call system can help both teachers and students.

NEP 2020 is a good beginning. However, piety like hope is not a strategy and the aspiration of transformation demands educated outcome plans. There is a need to distil definitions of autonomy and accountability. To end the parade of sub-par outcomes, the Centre and the states must re-design the architecture of delivery — for education and for all public services.

THE CONGRESS IS MODI'S BIG ADVANTAGE

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

NARENDRA MODI, of course, has gifts of leadership that put him above his challengers. But even his admirers will agree that the weaknesses of the Congress are a big factor behind his success. Consider how the Congress reacted to his victory in 2019. Rahul Gandhi resigned as Congress president, but the party was too confused to get out of its dynastic fixation. It refused to accept his resignation. How did the confusion end? By choosing Sonia Gandhi as interim president.

'Interim' of course meant 'indefinite'. Feeling embarrassed, she said last week that a new party president would be elected in the "not too distant future". Read this alongside the report that "there is a clamour for Rahul to return to the helm."

In the circumstances, don't dismiss the recurring reports that the Congress Party is on ventilator. The good news is that ventilators are rather efficient these days. Especially when used by a Grand Old Party that is renowned for its ability to die and yet live on, to expire without becoming diseased.

When the party failed to win a single seat in the last Delhi elections (63 out of its 66 candidates lost their deposits), Congressmen refused to read the message. One leader said that the new zero was not a defeat because in the 2015 election too it scored zero and therefore there was no loss. Logic that beats all logic.

It was left to Sharmistha Mukherjee to bring sanity back to the scene. In her customary no-nonsense tone, the daughter of Pranab Mukherjee said that the party was decimated in Delhi because of "inordinate delays in decision-making, a lack of strategy and unity at the state level, and demotivated workers". These were facts known to all, but acknowledged by the fewest of the few. Result: Yesterday's leaders rule with ideas from the day before yesterday.

At one point, Congressman Sandeep Dikshit, a respected name in Delhi, accused the party's senior leaders of failing to find a new president for the party. Shashi Tharoor has been repeatedly airing the demand that the party elect a president. He said that "dozens of party leaders are saying privately" that there must be internal elections within the Congress. Many Congress leaders are scared that if such elections end up with a non-Gandhi president, groupism will knock down the party. That may well be the case. But won't it be better for groupism to play itself out while the Gandhis are around? The Congress can grow only when it stands on the strength of internal electoral fidelities.

Today the Congress is in a respectable position only in a few states. In Punjab and Chhattisgarh, it is relatively comfortable. In Rajasthan, a tired, old wire-puller has managed to stay in power, dirtying the name of the party in the process. In Maharashtra, it hangs on the tails of the Shiv Sena. In Puducherry, it not only takes help from the DMK, but also agrees to cope with a Governor who imagines that she is some kind of a super chief minister. It is a pathetic plight for a party which at one point could boast that even a broomstick would be elected if it had a Congress ticket.

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In the few spots where it has power, Congress does not enjoy a good name. That's because it flaunts only the Gandhi name. It does not flaunt names that could have brought it more legitimacy, names like Mallikarjun Kharge, Manmohan Singh, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, A K Antony. There are other ignored names that could have brought it a touch of youthful glamour — Milind Deora, Jitin Prasada, Deepender Hooda. Ignoring them, the party almost lost one of its shining stars, Sachin Pilot.

Karnataka's Congress leader Dinesh Gundu Rao, holding the presidentship on an interim basis till last March, had to plead for an elected party chief in the state. "Our workers and leaders are in a state of confusion," he said. In Kerala, young voices are not heard in the Congress.

Sonia Gandhi herself has now realised that her sell-by date is over. But her party is nowhere near internal elections despite Shashi Tharoor's proddings. This may seem like an internal Congress party problem. In fact, it is a problem that concerns all of India. Democracy has become a bit of a farce with the BJP having an unhealthy majority in Parliament, leading to the Prime Minister pursuing an authoritarian line with no one to question him effectively. The alternative to a meaningful opposition is a one-party dictatorship.

SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE: GREAT EXPECTATIONS

OPINION

PRASAD BAJI
Finance professional with expertise in capital markets, project finance, corporate banking and investment banking

INDIA is estimated to need over USD 2.6 trillion in investment to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Capital is also a key requirement if India were to substantially improve its abysmal Human Development Index rank of 129 out of 189 countries. However, with India's structural fiscal deficit, raising capital to solve for social problems is a Herculean task, especially in the post Covid scenario.

So, what is the answer? Well, one possibility is the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) mooted by the central government and the SEBI. The proposed SSE in India would be an electronic fund-raising platform, where both for-profit social enterprises (FPEs) and non-profit social enterprises (NPOs) would be allowed to list and raise various kinds of risk capital (including debt and equity) from a variety of domestic and international funders, similar to a regular stock exchange but only for a social cause. SSEs are not new internationally, with Brazil (2003), South Africa (2006), the UK, Canada, Singapore (all in 2013) and other countries having established them.

Spurred by the budget proposal of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in July 2019, a SEBI appointed Working Group has recently released a draft report on the SSE which outlines the fund raising mechanisms for the social sector and the associated regulatory framework covering eligibility norms for listing, disclosures and trading. Comments on the draft Working Group report were to be submitted latest by August 15. The SSE's chances of seeing the light of the day are bright since it is directly driven by the combined muscle of the government, the SEBI and the existing stock exchanges (SSE expected to be housed in BSE & NSE).

Why would funders be attracted to an SSE? For one, the Working Group has proposed bold tax incentives for funders — 100% tax deduction under 80G instead of 50% currently; making CSR grants to SSE listed organisations as tax deductible; exemption from Long-Term Capital Gain and Securities Transaction Tax on securities listed on SSE and removal of 10% cap on income eligible for deduction under 80G. Funders would also derive comfort from the (i) proposed ecosystem of intermediaries viz. information repositories (would collect data and perform due diligence) and social auditors (would assess social impact in a standardised manner), (ii) robust financial & social impact reporting, (iii) protective regulatory & governance mechanisms all of which will ensure proper checks and balances.

For social enterprises, listing on the SSE would provide increased credibility and market standing besides providing access to capital from a diverse pool of funders, both through the SSE and outside the SSE (as a rub-off effect due to listed status).Social enterprises are also expected to benefit from the proposed tax breaks — increase in the limits for commercial activities to 50% of income from the current 20%, the fast tracking of statutory registrations, 5-year tax holiday for listed FPEs and removal of the need for periodic renewal of 80G registration.

Another advantage is that those NPOs without Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) approval can effectively tap foreign capital through social venture funds since the Working Group has proposed that such venture funds be allowed to raise capital from foreign investors/donors. SSE listed organisations can potentially be allowed much more flexible use of CSR funds such as for capacity building and funding outcomes rather than program implementation — even escrow of CSR funds is envisioned. The Working Group envisages a ₹100 crore fund for capacity building of the social sector (building awareness, handholding NGOs in the capital raising process and implementing standards), especially of the smaller NPOs who are in dire need of it.

What would be the returns for funders? Funders of FPEs can expect financial return through dividends/interest and potential capital appreciation similar to debt and equity investments in any regular for-profit entities. In case of NPOs, there is no financial return for funders; "return" would be in the form of social impact achieved by the NPO.

Many of the international experiments in SSE have remained limited to being "directory" programmes. Considering India's acute capital shortage for social causes, one hopes that the SSE is a successful experiment and becomes a vibrant capital raising machine rather than one more moribund institution

An SSE would obviously conjure parallels with the tried & tested Stock Exchanges (SEs) in the for-profit world. A regular SE has a highly vibrant and liquid secondary market due to intensive trading. However, one expects a fairly subdued secondary market in an SSE and whatever be that extent its concentration is expected in instruments of FPEs. For NPOs, the secondary market is expected to be pretty shallow, though the Working Group proposes "trading" between corporates who exceed their CSR obligations and those in deficit. Price discovery may also not be key feature of the SSE if the secondary market is limited.

The fund raising instruments proposed are also not genuinely radical or new, be they MFs, Social Venture Funds and pay-for-success instruments (e.g. Impact Bonds) – even the so-called "zero coupon, zero principal bond" (zero coupon bond with tenure equal to project duration with principal write-off at the end assuming proposed social impact is achieved) is essentially the donation certificate repackaged. A further issue is that FPEs eligible to raise capital in the SSE have not been defined. This presents a loophole for misuse and also may pull capital more towards these FPEs rather than NPOs. Even NPOs need to be properly defined to avoid this issue. The SSE should also allow maximum possible flexibility in terms of funding instruments for both FPEs and NPOs — currently the report specifies only certain funding types for FPOs and other types for NPOs. The SSE listed social enterprises are also exposed to cross regulatory risk such as from the charity commissioner, tax authorities and Registrar of Companies — it would be preferable to sort out of this issue a priori to avoid turf wars and the consequent hurdles.

Many of the international experiments in SSE have remained limited to being "directory" programmes. Considering India's acute capital shortage for social causes, one hopes that the SSE is a successful experiment and becomes a vibrant capital raising machine rather than one more moribund institution. We have taken the first baby steps in this direction but it is a long and uncertain journey.

QUOTE CORNER

I'm the only Black woman in the United States Senate. The only one and only the second in the history of the United States Senate. And so when we look again at how far we have to go, we have a lot of work to do

Kamala Harris, Democratic vice-presidential candidate

I invite all parties involved to continue on the path of dialogue so that the eternal river (Nile) will continue to be a source of life, which unites and does not divide, which nurtures friendship, prosperity and fraternity and not enmity, misunderstanding and conflict

Pope Francis, head of the Catholic Church

Looking back on the long period of post-war peace, reflecting on our past and bearing in mind the feelings of deep remorse, I earnestly hope that the ravages of war will never again be repeated

Naruhito, Japanese emperor

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Is Bhushan really guilty?

This is with reference to the Editorial, "Apex court's image cannot be lowered by a few tweets" (Aug 15) rightly brings in the fundamental rights of the citizens provided in the Constitution. That Prashant Bhushan is pronounced guilty of contempt for his remarks on the state of judiciary is not stomachable. The Constitution empowers the citizens to exercise the right to freedom of speech and expression and write. The Supreme Court, which has on many an occasion observed that in a democracy, people can either express voice of support to the government or oppose it, has itself come down heavily this time. This verdict is bound to have negative impact in the society.

Manoharan Muthuswamy, Ramanathapuram

Losing the plot

After airing soothing messages for months, Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaja began to utter threatening remarks. She warned the public that the state could report between 10,000 and 20,000 cases of Covid per day. She has not disclosed the source where from she got these frightening statistics. However, her warning that the number of deaths will increase with the number of Covid cases makes sense depending on the prey-predator problem. The failure is a pointer of the miserable way to fight Covid by pushing aside healthcare workers and putting the police on the top. The success of the proposed historic mission to fight the coronavirus by forming a COVID brigade depends on its structure and the action plan.

K A Solaman, Alappuzha

Think about future of students

With reference to the above referred article by Amruth G Kumar, the author makes a valid point with respect to reconstruction of the principles of teaching and learning in the current scenario. The automatic promotion policy done without a comprehensive analysis on cutting down of syllabus is bound to be counter productive and is likely to damage the quality of education. Though the idea of turning a zero academic year into a latent academic year is good in practice, it comes with its own pitfalls in view of the inadequacy in the accessibility of digital classroom. Unless these issues are addressed, I am afraid this policy of home learning and home exams are not likely to succeed.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

VIPs need to follow rules

These are days when even society's top echelons including ministers and other VIPs are getting infected by corona. While that is unfortunate, one also wonders why those responsible for providing leadership to the people are failing to follow safely protocol. Once in public space, the former tend to forget cautions like social distancing and allow their masks to slip. For some elderly, rubbing an itchy nose is irresistible. These are issues that defy solution. In Kerala, the health department has issued health advisory for VIPs and staff after the CM, Ministers, and officials including Malappuram Collector had to go into quarantine (TNIE, Aug 15). Issue of such cautions would help at least a bit.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Time to regulate TV channels

This is with reference to " Amend Act to include TV, says PCI Chairman" (TNIE 15/8). Including TV and digital media in Press Council of India is a long standing demand, but somehow government is not interested. If govt is against including them in PCI, why not form another Council exclusively for electronic and digital media? It is true that the conduct of many TV channels, news channels in particular, is questionable. Many live debates in TV are noisy with personal attacks etc without any outcome of the debates as all participants stick to their guns and even anchors take stand without any neutrality. As Medical Council of India Act was amended, the same criteria be adopted for PCI with people friendly Act to ensure ethics,moral and human values in electronic and digital media. In addition there is urgent need for strengthening existing PCI with more powers to take action against defaulters.

Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda

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Prime Minister's I-Day speech reinforces resolve of self-reliant India

M Venkaiah Naidu @MVenkaiahNaidu
By 2022, India must be aatmanirbhar in every sense of the word

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
We salute all those who sacrificed their lives to make the dream of a 'free nation' come true

(From left) PM Narendra Modi, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and LS Speaker Om Birla attend the 'At Home' hosted by President Ram Nath Kovind; ITBP personnel celebrate I-Day on the banks of Pangong Tso in Ladakh; SSB men distribute sweets among children near India-Nepal border in Bihar | PTI

From LoC to LAC, our soldiers have given a befitting reply: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi sends out a stern message to Pakistan and China, saying those who pose a threat to country's sovereignty will be responded to firmly

MAYANK SINGH & PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

FROM the ramparts of the Red Fort on India's 74th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent a message to both Pakistan and China, saying those who pose a threat to the country's sovereignty will be responded to firmly.

"From LoC (Line of Control) to LAC (Line of Actual Control), whoever tried to raise their eyes towards the sovereignty of our country, our soldiers responded to it in the same language."

Referring to the clash with China in June at Galwan Valley in Ladakh, Modi said: "India's integrity is supreme for us. What our jawans can do to safeguard the country, the world saw that in Ladakh. Today, I salute all those brave soldiers from the Red Fort."

Hailing the PM's statement, Lt-Gen VK Chaturvedi, security analyst, said it gave a direction for future. "The speech marked a confident and clear

CDS General Bipin Rawat during 74th I-Day function at the Red Fort | PTI

message to both China and Pakistan that they will be given befitting reply to their every nefarious plan," he said.

Lt-Gen Gurmit Singh, fFormer Deputy Chief of Army Staff, feels five words used by the PM summed up his message to China and Pakistan. "He used LAC, expansionism, Ladakh, LoC and terrorism in such a manner that it summed up the situations on ground. But nobody can threaten our sovereignty and territorial integrity," said Lt-Gen Singh.

Diplomatic experts, too felt, Modi's speech re-emphasised India's clear message to China and Pakistan and also to the world. "The PM is reiterating his earlier statement that anyone who casts an evil eye on India will be given a befitting reply. He also mentioned expansionism, which is an indication that the situation in eastern Ladakh is still tense,"

BR Deepak, sinologist and chairperson of the Centre for Chinese and South Asian Studies at JNU, said. Deepak was of the opinion that Modi's mention of LAC indicates the mechanisms at the military and diplomatic levels have not achieved the desired results. "It could also be interpreted that we are not going to see the highest level political engagement to end the stand-off as was the case during the Doklam standoff," he said.

A former diplomat, who did not wish to be named, said Modi's message to Pakistan and China is a stern one. "Since the face-off along the LAC and the ever-present tension with Pakistan, the message is now loud and clear that India's territorial integrity is of paramount importance and there would be no compromise on it."

National Infra Pipeline project to get ₹110 lakh crore boost

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre will spend over ₹110 lakh crore on about 7,000 projects of different sectors under the National Infrastructure Pipeline, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his Independence Day address on Saturday.

"The National Infrastructure Pipeline will play an important role in reviving the economy, which has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. There is a need to give a new direction to infrastructure development of the country and this will be done through the National Infrastructure Pipeline. We will spend more than Rs 100 lakh crore on this," Modi said.

The National Infrastructure Pipeline was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in December 2019. It was aimed at attracting investments. According to the government, the Centre will put in 18-20 per cent of the funds from the Union Budget while states will allocate 24-26 per cent from their budgets for the project.

A report prepared by a finance ministry task force predicts 31 per cent of the required resources to be raised through debt from bond markets, banks and NBFCs and around 4-10 per cent as equity from private developers, external aid multilateral and bilateral agencies and internal accruals. Modi also referred to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's efforts to upgrade the country's road network with the launch of the Golden Quadilateral project. "Even today people of the country look as it with pride. Now we need to take forward the work done by Vajpayee during his tenure," the PM said.

If electronic health records are linked to the Aadhaar, it can be used to create registries for data analytics, which will help track health status of patients, perform better analyses

Vikram Thaploo, CEO, Apollo Telehealth

With the NDHM, the PM JAY programme will be well positioned to monitor long term outcomes, minimise variability of care quality and ensure the continuum of care

Oommen John, Health expert

Health IDs rolled out in six Union Territories

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE National Digital Health Mission, an ambitious initiative whose launch was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, will see the creation of health IDs for every citizen that will enable storing personal medical records and disease history electronically.

Under the scheme, longitudinal health record data for every individual will be recorded in a digital reservoir and standard protocols will be implemented to prevent unwarranted tests.

The initiative, which is part of the Ayushman Bharat scheme, is being rolled out in six Union Territories: Chandigarh, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Ladakh and Lakshwadeep.

The mission is to be spearheaded by the National Health Authority, which is operationalising the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana.

Among other things, the plan is also aimed at providing easy access to electronic health records to citizens, generating longitudinal health record data and also ensuring privacy of personal health data along with consent-based access to electronic health records.

"The health ID cards will have a registry of doctors and health facilities in a specific area and will serve as a digi-locker for personal health records of individuals who opt for the service. They are the key components of the scheme," a top official in the Union health ministry and family welfare told this newspaper.

"At the individual level, it means that when you go to see a doctor, you don't need to carry physical records if you have the previous records stored in the ID. You can decide how much of your personal record you want to show to the doctor," he added, stressing that privacy of the personal information will be ensured.

But unlike the PMJAY, which is entitlement based, this facility is voluntary and will be available to citizens by paying a nominal registration fee.

To ensure that data across different health care providers are collated into a longitudinal record these disconnected systems would need to be inter-operable and follow standards such as the Indian electronic health records standards 2016, said sources.

Oommen John, secretary, Asia Pacific Association for Medical Informatics was pleased that health had become a political priority and an integral component of Independence Day announcements by the PM.

Sanitary napkins, minimum age of marriage for girls in Modi speech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi earned praise from netizens as talked about the government's scheme to provide sanitary napkins at ₹1 during his I-Day speech and announced that the minimum age of marriage for women is being reconsidered.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra scheme, the prime minister said, the government has started giving away sanitary napkins at ₹1 to empower women and also to keep their health in check. "In 6,000 Jan Aushadi Kendras, more than five crore sanitary napkins have been provided to women in a short period of time," he said.

He also announced that the Centre is reconsidering the minimum age of marriage for girls in the country, bringing in focus an exercise that is already in the works.

"We have set up a committee to reconsider the minimum age for marriage of girls. The Centre will take a decision after the committee submits its report," Modi said in his address to the nation on its 74th Independence Day.

Currently, the legal age of marriage for girls is 18.

In June, Centre had formed a 10-member task force under politician Jaya Jaitley, to recommend, among other things, whether the legal age of marriage for women could be changed from 18 years.

The constitution of the task force by the Union Women and Child Development ministry followed an announcement by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her budget speech in February.

"Women's age of marriage was increased from fifteen years to eighteen years in 1978, by amending erstwhile Sharda Act of 1929. As India progresses further, opportunities open up for women to pursue higher education and careers," she had said.

Woman officer helps unfurl flag

A woman Army officer, Major Shweta Pandey, assisted PM Narendra Modi in unfurling the Tricolour atop the ramparts of the Red Fort during the I-Day celebrations on Saturday. Hailing from Lucknow, Major Pandey was commissioned in the Army in March 2012 from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai. At the academy, she won the Garhwal Rifles medal for topping in tactics.

PM rues absence of children

Every Independence Day they sit on the lawns of the Red Fort in a colourful pattern, clapping and cheering loudly, but during the I-Day celebrations on Saturday schoolchildren were conspicuous by their absence as the function was scaled down. Prime Minister Narendra Modi felt their absence and remarked, "Today, our children are not here with us. The coronavirus pandemic has halted all of us."

DRDO anti-drone system deployed

An anti-drone system developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation was deployed to tackle any sub-conventional aerial threat during the I-Day celebration. A DRDO official said the system has the capacity to bring down any drone through either jamming of command and control links or by damaging electronics of drones through laser-based directed energy weapons.

In hint at resumption of political process, PM says J&K to have CM soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOR the first time since Article 370 and Article 35A was abrogated on August 5 last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hinted at resumption of political proccess in the state, saying that the nation was committed to holding elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

In his I-Day speech, the PM made a reference to the revival of the political process in J&K which has been without an elected government since 2018. "Delimitation process is underway in Jammu and Kashmir. Once it is completed, an election will be held in the Union Territory. Jammu and Kashmir will have its own chief minister and ministers. We are committed to this," the PM said.

Modi also called 2020 a year of 'a new development journey in Jammu and Kashmir'. "... this is a year of rights for women, it is also a year of dignified life of refugees in Jammu and Kashmir," the PM said.

"The true strength of democ-

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racy is in local units. It is a matter of pride for all of us that the public representatives of local units in Jammu and Kashmir are pursuing a new era of development with activism and sensitivity," PM said.

Sources in the government said the process of delimitation could take 4-6 months for completion. In the delimitation process, boundaries of J&K would be redrawn on the basis of the 2011 census.

Notably in July, former Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor GC Murmu had also said that J &K assembly election could be held after the delimitation exercise is completed. The Delimitation Commission was constituted in March of this year to redraw the Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, along with four northeastern states.

In July, Jammu and Kashmir chief electoral officer (CEO) Hirdesh Kumar Singh had said the information sought by the delimitation commission was being compiled by all the 20 district commissioners and it would be sent to the apex authority by July.

A first, PM speech telecast on big screens

In a first, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech from Red Fort was telecast live on big screens installed at many places in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. The administration had installed big LED screens at vital locations in Srinagar including at Jehangir Chowk, Tourist Reception Crossing (TRC) and some other places.

Project Lion announced, translocation from Gir not yet done

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE PM on August 15 announced the launch of Project Lion for conservation of the Asiatic Lion, but the Centre is yet to execute a Supreme Court order of 2013 for ensuring translocation of the wild cats from Gujarat to another state to protect them from possible extinction in case of an epidemic.

"In the recent past, the tiger population has increased at a rapid pace in the country. Now a Project Lion for our Asiatic lions is also going to be started in the country," the PM said. Gujarat's Gir National Park is the only abode of Asiatic Lion in the world. According to the latest count, the lion population has registered an increase of 25 per cent in the last five years and now stands at 674. But, this has become a cause of concern for the authorities as they recognise growing challenges of habitat protection.

According to a senior ministry official, translocation will not be part of the Project Lion and it's being looked at by an expert committee set up by the ministry on the directions of the apex court.

"Project Lion will entail habitat development, engage modern technologies in lion management and address the issues of disease in lion and its associated species through advanced world class research and veterinary care. It will also address human-wildlife conflict and will be inclusive involving local communities living in the vicinity of lion landscape," said Union environment ministry.

The plan for translocation of lions from Gir to Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh dates back to 1993-94. But things have not moved so far because of the reluctance of the Gujarat government to share wild cats.

Ladakh to be carbon neutral

PM Modi said that just as Sikkim has made its mark as an organic state, in the coming days, Ladakh will make its identity as a carbon neutral region and work is being done in this direction. Carbon neutrality is neutral net CO2 emissions due to human activities.

Modi, Nepal PM Oli hold first talks after relations hit rough patch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart KP Sharma Oli on Saturday had a telephonic conversation on the occasion of India's Independence Day, the first after relations between the two countries soured over Nepal's adoption of a new map in June and claims and counter claims over territory.

The conversation is also likely to set the ball rolling for negotiations over border issues. According to the MEA, Nepalese foreign secretary Shanker Das Bairagi and Indian ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra are likely to hold talks on Monday when the border issue may come up for discussion.

Relations between the two soured after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a road in Lipulekh on May 8.

4 DROWN
Four persons drowned in canals in Bahraich and Shravasti districts, police said on Saturday. In Bahraich district's Fakharpur, three brothers had gone to bathe in a canal on Friday

3 WOMEN KILLED IN A LIGHTNING STRIKE IN RAIGARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	26	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	30	23	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	40	26	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	34	27	Lucknow	33	28
Chennai	32	24	Port Blair	29	25
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	28	20	Chandigarh	36	23

CHHATTISGARH

CHEMICAL THAT RUINED BEIRUT USED BY MAOISTS

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE chemical ammonium nitrate stored in a huge amount that caused a catastrophic blast in Lebanon is often used by the outlawed CPI (Maoist) in Chhattisgarh to trigger Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) against security forces.

Blowing up of IEDs is almost always followed by indiscriminate firing leading to more casualties.

The chemical is crystalline solid extensively used in blasting mines, and also as a fertilizer. In 2011, the government banned the open sale of ammonium nitrate, which terrorists used to carry out blasts in the country. In 2015, the government banned its bulk import primarily on the grounds of security.

A substantial amount of the chemical is suspected to have been used by terrorists in J&K's Pulwama last year in which 40 CRPF soldiers were martyred.

The Maoists, too, have used the chemical with deadly impact in some of Maoist-triggered blasts in the last decade in Chhattisgarh. Some of the instances are: In 2010, 76 security personnel were massacred in Dantewada; in 2013, 29 Congress leaders and activists died in Sukma district; in 2018, a Doordarshan cameraman and two police officers were killed; and in 2019, a BJP MLA died in an IED blast ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Law enforcing agencies say though Maoist-related incidents are declining, a serious challenge persists to effectively counter IED threats in any operation.

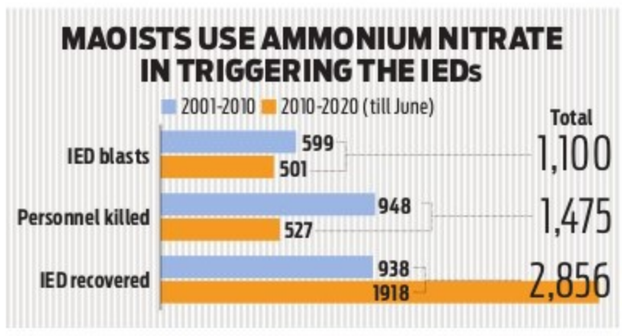
"The IED is the easiest contraption for Maoists who always look for soft options to target", says Brigadier (retired) BK Ponwar, a jungle warfare expert.

Even since Chhattisgarh was carved out as a separate state in November 2000, there have been over 1,100 IED blasts in the districts worst affected by left-wing extremism. The recovery of IEDs has doubled in the last two decades — from 938 detected during 2001-2010 to 1,918 from 2011 till June 2020.

"Ammonium Nitrate is the most commonly used explosive material, especially in the Bastar region. We have lost not only hundreds of our soldiers but civilians, including women, children and even cattle, too have fallen victim to IED explosions", said Sunderraj P, Inspector General of Police (Bastar zone).

Every year on an average there are over 60 IED-related explosions in Bastar. "Since 2016, we have recovered and defused 1,268 IEDs," said the IG.

The Maoists have succeeded in procuring the chemical in a big way by looting the trucks carrying it for industrial destinations. In 2010, they looted around 16 tonnes of it from a truck which was on its way from Visakhapatnam to Chhattisgarh. Again in 2013, the rebels intercepted the chemical-laden lorry proceeding to an industrial plant in Raipur from Visakhapatnam. Inspector General of Police Sunderraj says Chhattisgarh has tightened rules against pilferage of explosive materials.



Ayodhya's Ram Lila to have filmi touch

Bhojpuri stars-turned-politicians Ravi Kishan and Manoj Tiwari likely to play characters of Bharat and Angad

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

POST *Bhoomi Pujan* of the Ram Temple, Ayodhya appears to be in bliss in perpetuity in the name of Lord Ram. Sources say this year's Ram Lila is going to be special with a touch of Bollywood.

The Ram Lila will be performed in the temple town between October 17 and 25, depicting the life of Lord Ram, including his epochal clash with demon king Ravan.

Sources said if there is a letup in Covid-19, the Ram Lila would be performed live on stage for the audience at chosen spots across the temple town. However, if the virus does not relent by then, the Lila would be shot and aired on TV channels and other social media platforms.

Though names of actors playing Ram, Lakshman and Sita have been kept confidential, it is likely that Bhojpuri star and Gorakhpur MP Ravi Kishan may play the role of Bharat (one of the three younger brothers of Lord Ram) and Bhojpuri singer and BJP MP from Delhi East Manoj Tiwari may join the stage as Angad (son of monkey king Bali and Lord Ram's emissary).

Vindu Dara Singh, son of wrestler and Bollywood actor Dara Singh, is likely to play Lord Hanuman. Notably, Dara Singh had played the role of Lord Hanuman in Ramanand Sagar-directed Doordarshan serial Ramayan.

Many more popular faces such as Shahabaz Khan of Chandrakanta fame could also be on stage in the role of Ravana in Ayodhya's Ram Lila.

The concept for this year's special Ram Lila was conceived recently during a webinar conducted by Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan. Several artistes, including Raja Bundela, Raghuvir Yadav and Bindu Dara Singh, had participated in the webinar.

Sources in Sansthan said that Mumbai's prominent dress designer Vishnu Patil has been preparing costumes for the Ramayan characters.

The Ram Leela would be directed by Pravesh Kumar and presented by Bobby Malik who has been presenting the Lila at two places in Delhi for the last five years.

The state government is believed to have given its nod for Ayodhya's Ram Lila proposal.

Devotees light earthen lamps at illuminated Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya | PTI FILE

Vindu may play Hanuman
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Cong: RSS chief ignored birthplace of Kaushalya

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN another attempt at one-upmanship over BJP, the Congress demanded an answer from the visiting RSS chief **Mohan Bhagwat** on allegedly turning a blind eye towards the birthplace of Lord Ram's mother Kaushalya in Chhattisgarh.

The ruling party also asked the RSS Sarsanghchalak to examine the 'Ram Van Gaman Path' plan prepared by the Bhupesh Baghel government. Bhagwat began his two-day visit to the state on Saturday.

Congress has been betting on Mata Kaushalya to counter the BJP who is taking credit for the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

"While RSS, the ideological mentor of BJP, was enthusiastic to take the credit for the resolution of Lord Ram's birthplace dispute and temple construction, the utter silence by Mohan Bhagwat on the dispute over Kaushalya Mata's birthplace is surprising. The RSS never paid any attention to it," said Congress spokesperson Vikas Tiwari.

"The dispute persisted for over two decades and it was only last year that the garb-griha (inner sanctum) was opened for devotees. Now, after the August 5 Ayodhya bhoomi pujan ceremony, will RSS pramukh visit the Kaushalya temple to offer prayers?" he asked.

Surendra Kumar, a senior RSS office-bearer in the state, said that Bhagwat's schedule for his Raipur visit was already decided and he will leave the state capital on August 17.

Chandkhuri, a village located around 30 km away from capital Raipur, is considered the birthplace of Kaushalya, mother of Ram. It has the only temple of Mata Kaushalya in the country.

The Baghel government has outlined its plan to create a magnificent temple here. It is also developing the 'Ram Van Gaman Path' project tracing the route undertaken by Lord Ram during his exile.

Settle 'genocidal act' of NSCN-IM first, Kuki tribal body tells PM Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

AMIDST reports that the Centre is keen on settling the "Naga issue" by this September, the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) has insisted on the settlement of "genocidal acts" by National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) before the signing of any deal with the outfit.

"While appreciating the reported directive of the PMO for finalisation of peace talks between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM, (KIM) firmly reiterates that the genocidal act of Thuingaleng Muivah-led NSCN-IM should be settled before inking any deal," the KIM, apex organisation of tribal Kukis, wrote to the Prime Minister.

On a single day in 1993, scores of Kukis -- including women and children -- were massacred in two districts of Manipur in what is known as the 'Joupi Massacre'.

"In Manipur, the Kukis dominate five districts – Chandel, Kangpokpi, Tengnoupal, Pherzawl, and Churachandpur. Any attempt to pamper the NSCN-IM at the cost of Kuki ancestral land and without settling Kuki political demands will be considered a betrayal of the Kuki aspirations and is likely to fuel violent reprisals," the letter said. It urged Modi to seriously consider the simultaneous settlement of Kuki and Naga aspirations for self-governance in order to rule out imminent adverse repercussions of a settlement between the Centre and the NSCN-IM that affects Kuki-inhabited areas.

It had already made it clear that the 2015 Framework Agreement, signed with the NSCN-IM, should not infringe upon the Kuki-inhabited lands.

"Establish an autonomous political institution so that we, the Kukis can govern our own affairs within our traditional territory, protect our ancestral land and identity which our forefathers have jealously defended from the British imperial Raj and grow equally with other communities," the letter added.

EXPRESS READ

PM to inaugurate 'Atal Tunnel' in Rohtang

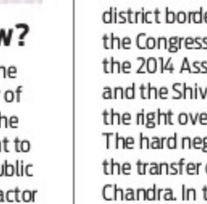
Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Saturday said the 'Atal Tunnel' in Rohtang would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the end of September this year. Thakur stated this while presiding over a state-level Independence Day function at the historic Dhalpur Maidan in Kullu district. He also said the pandemic has adversely affected the state's economy.

OFFER SNUBBED

Left leader, living in mud hut, refuses to join TMC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

CPI(M)'s sitting MLA Mamata Roy and party's 70-year-old former legislator Lakshmi Kanta Roy, both from Dhupguri Assembly constituency in north Bengal, have turned down election-strategist **Prashant Kishor**'s offer to join the ruling Trinamool Congress, saying "all communists cannot be purchased".



Kishor was roped in by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee following the debacle in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Kishor's Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC) had recently visited the residences of Mamata Roy and Lakshmi Kanta Roy, who lives in a mud house, and offered them a red-carpet welcome to the TMC.

The Trinamool Congress wants to induct the septuagenarian CPI(M) leader to regain the party's ground in north Bengal. The BJP had bagged seven Lok Sabha seats out of eight in north Bengal in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

"For the past few days, I had been receiving calls from several people who claimed to be representatives of Prashant Kishor's team. I had told them that I am no longer involved in party activities because of my age, but they kept on insisting that they wanted to visit my house. On last Tuesday, two representatives came to my house," said Roy, who has a net asset of worth ₹4.6 lakh.

"Looking at the condition of my house, the duo was surprised. They requested me to join the TMC, promising a key position in the ruling party's district-level functionaries. I made it clear to them that many of our party workers might have shifted sides, but all communists cannot be purchased," he said.

The I-PAC members reportedly also visited Mamata Roy's residence and contacted another former MLA Banamali with a similar offer. While Mamata also refused to accept the offer, Banamali did not allow them to visit his house.

MLA Mishra taken into custody by UP Police, says CM wants to get him killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A Bhadohi Police team from Uttar Pradesh on Saturday arrested Gyanpur MLA **Vijay Mishra**, detained by the Madhya Pradesh Police in Agar Malwa on its request for his alleged involvement in a case of criminal intimidation and wrongful confinement, said an official.

Bhadohi Superintendent of Police Ram Badan Singh said after arresting the MLA, his district police team, led by Dy SP Kalu Singh, produced him in a court at Agar Malwa and is bringing him Bhadohi on transit remand.

Vijay Mishra, his wife Ramlali Mishra, a UP MLC, and son Vishnu Mishra were booked on a complaint by his relative under sections 323 (voluntary causing hurt), 347 (wrongful confinement), 387 (putting a person in fear of death or grievous hurt), 449 (house-trespass) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code on August 4.

"Going against the official line of my party Nishad Party, I voted for the BJP candidates in the presidential elections and Rajya Sabha polls. But now the CM, out of his policy to promote a particular caste against Brahmins is working at getting me killed," alleged Mishra.

"Mafia politicians of BJP and BSP, particularly those hailing from a particular caste, including MP Virendra Singh Mast, MLA Sushil Singh and MLC Vineet Singh, want to eliminate me and their cause is being helped by UP CM by getting me arrested in a false case," Mishra alleged furthermore.

The MLA currently has 73 cases registered against him and has been booked under the Goonda Act and the stringent National Security Act in the past.

He would be produced before a court here on Sunday, the SP added.

HEALTH UPDATE

Mukherjee continues to be on ventilator support

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE condition of former president Pranab Mukherjee remained unchanged on Saturday and he continued to be on ventilator support, doctors attending on him said. They said his vital and parameters are stable and are being closely monitored by specialists.

The 84-year-old former president was admitted to the Army's Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi Cantonment on Monday and was operated upon for the removal of a clot in the brain. He had also tested positive for Covid-19. "The condition of Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee remains unchanged this morning. He continues to be on ventilatory support. His vital and clinical parameters remain stable and are being closely monitored by a team of specialists," the hospital said in a statement.

Mukherjee's office also posted pictures of the former president unfurling the national flag on Independence Day in the past and wishing fellow citizens on the day.

His daughter Sharmistha Mukherjee also tweeted pictures of Mukherjee unfurling the national flag in the past.

With PTI inputs

Supriya Sule plans to write book on politics

Days after former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis announced that he was writing a book on the high-voltage 2019 political drama in the state, NCP MP Supriya Sule has also hinted at penning down a book on the logjam, so that people get to know both sides of the story. A political crisis in Maharashtra occurred after the 2019 Assembly elections over the formation of a new state government. A new government was formed by the Maha Vikas Aghadi, a new alliance of Shiv Sena, the Congress and the NCP, under Uddhav Thackeray. Sule wants to write about her political life.

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MUMBAI DIARY

MNS backs Aaditya in Sushant's death case

Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) has come in rescue of his nephew Aaditya Thackeray, whose name has reportedly cropped up in connection with the death of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput. MNS leader Bala Nandgaonkar said Aaditya Thackeray will not do anything that will malign the image of the Thackeray family. However, this is not the first time the Thackeray family has landed in a controversy. In 1995, Raj Thackeray's name was involved in the death of one Ramesh Kini. It was alleged that Thackeray had harassed Kini because the latter had refused to vacate his residence for redevelopment. Thackeray, who owned a developer firm, was allegedly eyeing Kini's property.

All is not well between Pawar, grandnephew?

Maharashtra has witnessed splits in major political families over the years, starting from the Thackerays to the Mundes. Now, the entry of Parth Pawar, son of Ajit Pawar, in politics seems to have brought the difference in the Pawar family, too. On Friday, the Shiv Sena sought to downplay the controversy created by NCP chief Sharad Pawar's public reprimand of his grandnephew Parth for seeking a CBI probe into actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death. The political storm generated over the public rebuke by Sharad of Parth was "not even a storm in the teacup", said the ruling Shiv Sena, an ally of the NCP in Maharashtra.

Fight over Cidco chairman post continues

It has been eight months since the Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government has removed BJP MLA Prashant Thakur as chairman of Cidco, but the corporation is yet to get a new head. Thakur, who represents the Panvel assembly seat in Raigad district bordering Mumbai, had quit the Congress to join the BJP ahead of the 2014 Assembly elections. The NCP and the Shiv Sena both are claiming the right over Cidco's chairman post. The hard negotiation has also delayed the transfer of incumbent MD Lokesh Chandra. In the previous government, the BJP had control over the body. Thakur was appointed as chairman of the Cidco in September, 2018.

250%

Shares of Germany's CureVac, which is developing a vaccine, surge nearly 250% in Nasdaq debut

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	22	LR	Los Angeles	31	19	SNY
Colombo	31	25	SNY	Melbourne	13	8	LR
Doha	43	30	SNY	Moscow	21	13	LC
Dubai	41	30	SNY	New York	24	19	LR
Houston	39	26	SNY	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	28	20	SNY	Toronto	26	16	LR
London	23	16	TDS	Washington DC	24	18	LR

US red-faced as bid to extend Iran arms embargo fails

Iran jubilant over failed resolution to extend UN weapons embargo, mocks Trump admin; Washington's European allies abstain from vote

TEHRAN

IRAN on Saturday hailed a UN Security Council vote rejecting a US bid to extend an arms embargo on the Islamic republic, saying its foe has "never been so isolated".

President Hassan Rouhani said the US had failed to kill off what he called the "half alive" 2015 deal with major powers that gave Iran relief from sanctions in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme.

"The United States failed in this conspiracy with humiliation," said Rouhani.

"This day will go down in the history of our Iran and in the history of fighting global arrogance."

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Only two of the Council's 15 members voted in favour of the US resolution seeking to extend the embargo, highlighting the division between Washington and its European allies since President Donald Trump withdrew from the Iran nuclear accord in 2018.

Washington's European allies all abstained, and Iran mocked the Trump administration for winning the support of just one other country, the Dominican Republic.

"In the 75 years of United Nations history, America has never been so isolated," foreign ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi tweeted.

"Despite all the trips, pressure and the hawking, the United States could only mobilise a small country (to vote) with them."

People on the streets of Tehran had mixed reactions.

"This is an American political game. One day they give a resolution to the Security Council, the next they say they have taken" Iranian fuel, said a worker, Ahmadi at the city's Grand Bazaar. A drugstore staff named Abdoli said she was happy Iran won, but added it "should interact with the US and establish relations".

The result increases the likelihood the US will try to unilaterally force a return of UN sanctions, which experts say threatens to plunge the Council into one of its worst-ever diplomatic crises

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on a visit to Poland on Saturday, made it clear the United States would press on despite the defeat at the UN.

"It is unfortunate that the French and the United Kingdom... didn't support what the Gulf states have demanded, what the Israelis have demanded... I regret that deeply," Pompeo told reporters. *AFP*

Japan marks 75th anniversary of World War II

TOKYO

JAPAN on Saturday marked the 75th anniversary of its surrender in World War II, with Emperor Naruhito expressing "deep remorse" over his country's wartime actions at a somber annual ceremony curtailed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Naruhito pledged to reflect on the war's events and expressed hope that the tragedy would never be repeated. There was no word of apology from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who gave thanks for the sacrifices of the Japanese war dead but had nothing to say about the suffering of Japan's neighbours. *AP*

Russia brings out first batch of its coronavirus vaccine

MOSCOW

RUSSIA said Saturday that it has produced the first batch of its coronavirus vaccine, after President Vladimir Putin announced it had been first in the world to approve a vaccine.

Putin's announcement on Tuesday about the vaccine was met with caution from scientists and the WHO who said it still needed a rigorous safety review.

"The first batch of the novel coronavirus vaccine developed by the Gamaleya research institute has been produced," the health ministry said in a statement quoted by Russian news agencies.

Putin said the vaccine was safe and one of his own daughters had been inoculated, though clinical trials were not yet complete and final stage testing involving over 2,000 people only started this week.

Western scientists were sceptical, with some warning that moving too quickly on a vaccine could be dangerous, but Russia denounced criticism as an attempt to undermine Moscow's research.

The vaccine is called "Sputnik V" after the Soviet-era satellite that was the first launched into space in 1957. It was developed by the Gamaleya research institute for epidemiology and microbiology in Moscow in coordination with the Russian defence ministry.

The head of the institute, Alexander Gintsburg, told the TASS state news agency that volunteers taking part in the final stage testing of the vaccine's safety and efficacy would have two inoculations. *AFP*

Fawzia Koofi, a women's rights advocate and strong Taliban critic | AFP

Afghan peace negotiator shot near Kabul

KABUL

Trailblazing Afghan women's rights campaigner Fawzia Koofi, a member of the negotiating team that will hold peace talks with the Taliban, has been wounded in a gun attack near Kabul, officials said on Saturday.

Gunmen opened fire on Koofi, 45, and her sister on Friday when they were returning from a meeting in the province of Parwan near the capital, interior ministry spokesman Tariq Arian said. Koofi, a former member of parliament and strong critic of the Taliban, was shot in her right hand, he said, adding that she was stable.

The Taliban denied they were involved in the attack, which drew strong condemnation from Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani -- who described it as a "cowardly attack", according to his spokesman Sediq Seddiqi.

Abdullah Abdullah, who heads the national reconciliation council, told authorities to bring "the perpetrators of the attack to justice". *AFP*

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PUBLIC NOTICE / POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX-IV (See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12),13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security **(Smt. Bhagyalakshmi.N)**

Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 17/01/2020 calling upon the Borrower to **Smt. Bhagyalakshmi. N W/o Sri.Manjunatha.K.G, residing at No.08(7/3), Seethabyraweshwara Nilaya, 5th Cross, Byrappa Layout, R.M.V 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560094,** demanding to repay the amount of **Rs.21,68,965/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Five)** only together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by her, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realising the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on her under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **16th Day of August 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha for a sum of **Rs. 22,50,879/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine)** only together with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Muncipal No.5,PID No.100-72-5 situated at 1st cross, Behind Shanimahathma Temple, Nagasetty Halli, Bangalore measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 29 feet totally measuring at extent of 1044 Sqft. East By : Road, West by : Site No.8, North by : Site No.4, South by: Property of Narasegowda.

Date: 16/08/2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha
Authorised Officer

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ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 2020–21 :– 04-WS, कार्य का नाम व स्थानः– Zone Contract, Zone-I (Workshop) for day to day repairs and maintenance work in Workshop, Jodhpur in the section of SSE/W/WS/JU under XEN/WS/JU for year 2020-21 & 2021-22., अनुमानित लागत रुपयेः– Rs. 3,66,90,703.16, बयाने की राशि रुपयेः– Rs. 3,33,500.00,

ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 2020–21: – 05-WS, कार्य का नाम व स्थानः– Zone Contract, Zone-2 (General Store Depot) for day to day repairs and maintenance work in General Store Depot, Jodhpur in the section of SSE/W/WS/JU under XEN/WS/JU for year 2020-21 & 2021-22., अनुमानित लागत रुपयेः– Rs. 79,06,316.90, बयाने की राशि रुपयेः– Rs. 1,58,100.00. निविदा सूचना संख्या 2020-21/04-05/WS/JU तक निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 09.09.2020 को 15.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाई का विवरण जहाँ पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है – www.ireps.gov.in

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109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph. No.22956419 / 20, www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited,** Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 03.06.2020 calling upon the borrower **M/s. Golden Gate Properties Ltd** Regd. Office: "Golden House", No.820, 80 Feet Road, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 095. Represented by its Directors: **Sri. C. D. Sanjay Raj,** S/o C. H. Devaraj, residing at: No.4, Benson Road, Benson Town, Bangalore- 560 046. **Sri. K. Krishnan** S/o Karunakaran Nair residing at: No.280, 1st Floor, Serinity Appts., 4th Main, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 034. **Sri. P. V. S. Banu Murthy,** S/o P. Surya Prakash Rao, residing at: No.203, Rathanidhi Bapuji Nagar, Nacharam, Hyderabad. **Sri. Prathap Kunda,** S/o Satyanarayana kunda, No. 8-2-703/, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 20,57,08,816/-** (Rupees Twenty Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen Only) as on **31.05.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **11th day of August 2020.**

TThe borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** Shankarmutt Road Branch, No. 104, Shankarpuram, Bangalore-560 004 for an amount of **Rs. 20,57,08,816/-** (Rupees Twenty Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen Only) as on **31.05.2020** plus interest from **01.06.2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Entire Property: All that Piece and Parcel of the converted land belongs to Sri C D Sanjay raj bearing Sy. No.38, B B M P Katha No.4129, (Sy. No.38,39) situated at Kasavan halli village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under BBMP Marathalli Sub-Diviision limits, measuring 2 acres and 35 Guntas and bounded on East by : Sy. No. 12 and Channel, West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 39 and 40, North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 71/1, South by : K. Narayana Reddy's Land.

Date: 11.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

Agriculture Produce Market Committee
C. N Road, Seegebagi, Bhadravathi 577 301
Email : apmcbhadravathi@rediffmail.com.
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No: ಕೃಮಾಉ/ಕೃಉಮಾಸ/ಭ/366/2020–21 Date: 11.08.2020

Short Term Re-Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Bhadravathi invites Item-war tenders in two-cover system through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999 and Act 2000 and as per changes from time to time in **Standard Tender Document K G 2** from the registered manufacturers/suppliers for the supply of Assaying Laboratory Equipment. **Sl.No 1. Name of goods:** Supply of Assaying Laboratory Equipment for Assaying Laboratory at Main Market Yard APMC Bhadravathi, **EMD in Rs through e-portal:** 98,000/- , **Tender process fee as per e portal:** As per e-portal, **Time limit for supply and installation of equipments etc complete:** 30 days, **Eligibillity for supplier:** Reputed Manufacturer / Distributor, **Time Schedule for Tender** The starting date to receive tender forms: **12.08.2020** The last date for receiving filled-in tender forms through e-procurement: **19.08.2020 at 6.00 P M** Date and time of opening of technical bid : **20.08.2020 at 6.00 P M** Date and time of opening of commercial bid: **24.08.2020 at 11.30 A M Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of karnataka e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam under login for Contractors** Place of opening of tender: Office of the Secretary, Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Bhadravathi Address for correspondence: Secretary, Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Bhadravathi

Sd /- Secretary
Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Bhadravathi

Sd /- President
Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Bhadravathi

DIPR/SMG/No.52-08/zenkar/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client is the owner of the schedule property, he having acquired the same in terms of registered sale deed dated 03/06/2006 bearing document number BLN-1-14042/2006-07, stored in CD No. BLND276, registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Bangalore North Taluk executed by Sri. Rangappa Son of Sri. Mudalaiah.

The original registered sale deed dated 03/6/2006 bearing document number 14042/2006-07 registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Bangalore North Taluk is lost/misplaced by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 18/03/2020 online vide report bearing no. 058632/2020.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 07 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted land in Sy. No. 80/2P2, situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 0-29 Guntas and bounded as follows: On the East by : Land belonging to Sri. Puttavenkata ramanappa West by : Land belonging to Sri. Krishnamurthy North by : Others Land South by : Portion of land in Sy. No. 80/2P2 purchased by Sri. Venkataramana Swamy

H.K. GIRISH
Advocate, M & G Associates
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross,
03rd Main, 08th Block, Jayanagara,
Bangalore-560 070.
Ph - 080-26632343. Date: 14/08/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its Owner Satish Sundararajan, Aged about 52 years, S/o. V.Sundararajan, Residing at No.729, 4th Cross, 4th Main, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098 who represent to my client that he is the absolute owner of the **Schedule Property** having acquired by way of a sale deed dated: 12.09.2018 which is registered as Document No.3964/2018-19 in Book-I and stored in CD.No.RRND 208, dated: 12.09.2018 at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar(Rajarajeshwarinagara) Bangalore.

If any person/s, entity, firm, Financial Institution, (Corporate or Otherwise) Company/ies has or claims any right, title, interest, claim/s, attachment, charges, pending Litigation, court order in the form of a Decree/Award/Injunction, minor claims, Partition Suit, Lease agreement/ Rent Agreement, mortgage or mortgage by way of Deposit of Title deeds etc or demand of any nature in or upon the aforesaid property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents **within 15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the purchase transaction /proceed on the basis that there are no claims in respect of the aforesaid property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.1216, BBMP Khata No.3354/3276/1216/3325 measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 80 feet, totally measuring 4000 Square feet** formed on Survey No.91/2,99/1,99/2,99/3, 101/2,140,141,142,173,174,175,178,180, 181,182,184,188,192,193,194,195,196, 197,207,208,210,211,217/1B,217/2,218/1, 218/2,219,220,223/1,223/2,223/3,224/1, 224/2,225,226,227,228,229/1,229/2,230 &241, **the layout formed by the BEML Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Limited situated at BEML Layout, 5th Stage, Halagevaderahalli, Kengiri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on by:

East: Site No.1217
West: Site No.1215
North: Site No.1221
South: Road

Place: Bangalore, Dated: 16.08.2020

Sd/- **Sangram.S.Savanth**
M/s. SARALA LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocates
Office at "Justice Point", No.168, 3rd Floor, Pooja Complex, 1st Cross, Kilari Road, Bangalore-560053. Ph:98453 93708.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
#109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
Phone No.22956419 / 420 Sale Officer : 8095340265

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank ltd** has brought to sale the below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged to **Sir. M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd,** in **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** under the Securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred U/s 13(4) read with (Rules 8 & 9)

Name of the Borrower : M/s. Raju Enterprises.Prop. Sri.Raju S N. S/o.Sonnappa **Guarantor :** Smt.Sujathamma W/o. Sri.S N Raju, Smt. Ramya H R D/o. Sri.S N Raju Sri.Rakesh Raj S/o. Sri.S N Raju, all Resiging at #12, 7th Cross, Jayanagar, Tekal Road, Kolar- 563101.

All the piece and parcel of the Intermediate land in block No.4 (Sketch No./19080312796240001) Sy No.3/1, measuring 20 (Twenty Guntas), Carved out of a total area of 1.37 Guntas, Kodiramasandra village, Kasaba Hobli, Kolar Taluk, Kolar District in a duly converted by office of the Deputy Commissioner Kolar from Agricultural Land to Industrial purpose vide order No. ALN SR (KO)/114/16-17 Dt. 09.05.2017 with a building constructed there on and bounded on : East by - Land in Sy No. 3/3, West by - Land in Sy No. 1 & 2,North by - Tamaka village border (Property of S N Raju), South by - Remaining Land in Sy No. 3/1

Property No. 2 - All the piece and parcel of vacant site property bearing Old Site No. 28, Old Assessment No.505/37, New Assessment 505/37/A/28/A, CMC Khatha No. 576, New Khatha No.576/A, Ward No 15, Harohalli (After byepass), Kolar Nagara, measuring East To West 15 ft and North to South 60 ft. in all measuring to 900 sq ft and Site No.29, Old Assessment No.505/28, New Assessment 605/38/29, CMC Khatha No. 577, Ward No 15, Harohalli (After byepass), Kolar Nagar, measuring East To West 30 ft and North to South 60 ft. in all measuring to 1800 sq ft belongs to Sri S N Raju and bounded and as follows : East by - Remaining portion of Site No.28, West by - Property belongs to Sri C S Ranganna, North by - Remaining portion of Site No.31 and Site No 30, South by - 20 ft Mud road.

Property No. 3 - All the piece and parcel of vacant site property bearing No. 30, Assessment No.505/39/30,Municipal Old Khatha No. 578, New Khatha No.579, measuring East To West 34 feet and North to South – Towards Eastern side 92 feet and towards Western Side 96 feet (34 X (92+96) / 2ft), out of the total site area, sale consideration area is 34X(72 ½ +76 ½ ft)2 ie. 2533 sq ftand Site No.31, Old Assessment No. 505/40, New Assessment No.505/40A/31/A, Municipal Old Khatha No.579, New Khatha No. 579/A Ward No 15, Harohalli, (After Bye pass), Kolar measuring East to West 17 ft and North to South on the eastern side 85 feet and on the Western side 92 feet (17X (65+72)/2 ft) out of the total site area, sale consideration area is 17X(65 ½ +72 ½)/2 feet i.e. 1173 sq ft, Ward No.15, Harohalli, Kolar Nagara, belongs to Smt Sujathamma and bounded and as follows: East by - Remaining portion of Site No.31, West by - Property belongs to Sri C S Ranganna , North by - National Highway, South by - Remaining portion of Site No.28 & 29.

Property No. 4 - All the piece and parcel of the Industrial property bearing Plot No. 10-B, situated in Sy.No.44, situated at Tamaka Industrial Area, Tamaka Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kolar Taluk, Kolar District measuring East to West (18+38)/2 Mtrs and North to South (69+81)/2 Mtrs, totally measuring to 2026 Sq. Mtrs and building threon and bounded on: East by - Private Property, West by - Plot No.10A, North by - Kolar Bethamangala PWD Road, South by - Private Property.

Details of secured debts: **TLEMI/3. Total due Rs.4,64,79,251/-**(Rs.Four Crores Sixty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty One Only) as on 31.08.2018 with further interest + cost.

Reserve Price – **Rs.7,74,00,000/-**	EMD Amount – **Rs.77,40,000/-**

Place of Auction : SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Corporate Office: #109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
Date & Time – 04.09.2020 Friday at 12.30 P.M.

Other Terms and Condition:

1) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. This amount should be deposited.
2) The property as described shall not be sold below the reserve price.
3) The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount inclusive of EMD immediately on the same day in RTGS / DD to the Bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction, failing which the amount already paid by him/her will be forfeited.
4) The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the Bank without any Prior Notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
5) The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee, local taxes and any other statutory dues etc.
6) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
7) The property sold under AS IS WHERE IS CONDITIONS and terms stipulated under Securitization Act 2002. The authorized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and conditions of this notice of sale without prior notice at his discretion.
8) For inspection of the property or any further details the intending bidders may contact undersigned at **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co Operative Bank Limited, No.109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560004 during office hours. Ph No. Sale officer: 8095340265, Senior Manager:9449599915 , Vijayanagar Branch : 080-22956413/080-22956414.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23.07.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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Invites sealed tenders for sale of one in No.Car Maruti Swift Dzire VDI on **" AS IN WHERE CONDITION"**
Those interested may visit our website: **http://www.indianbank.in.tender.php**
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Zonal Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KRUPA VIJAYA KUMAR**, Permanently residing at CS-6, Ittina Sarva Apartment, 4th Cross, Hongasandra, Begur Road, Bangalore - 560 068, Karnataka, have changed my sister's name from **LOURDU ANJALEENA A.** to **LEENA RAVI KUMAR.** Vide affidavit dated 14-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jain Swarnamala, Bangalore.

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Hindu Vannar, Age – 28, Qualification – B. Tech., M.B.A., Star–Pooram, Rasi–Simmam, Private Company Job, Monthly Income 1.5 Lakh. Suitable Groom B.E / B.Tech., PG Qualified, Monthly Income 1 Lakh and above Per Month. Preferably from same Caste and Upto 33 Years age. Contact : 6383458461. CL00338988

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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
Date : 14.08.2020

I	1.	Development and Beautification of Pallapatty Lake. **Estimate Cost Rs. 385.00 Lakhs**
II		Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
III		Date, time and Venue for Tender Procedures. **Submission of bids - 23.09.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.** **Opening of bids - 23.09.2020 at 3.30 P.M.**

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Commissioner, Salem Corporation

₹3 lakh cr worth transactions were carried out through the Unified Payments Interface platform of BHIM, PM Narendra Modi said on Saturday

NEWSCOPE

'ATMANIRBHARTA' IN DEFENCE, OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLE?

TAPAS RANJAN

₹3.5 lakh cr worth defence projects were signed as part of the 'Make in India' mission; but none of the major ones ranging from new generation stealth submarines and mine-sweepers to fighter jets ever took off in the last 6 years

GURBIR SINGH

IT was quite a splash in favour of self-reliance. Union minister for defense Rajnath Singh has unveiled a spread of initiatives that he said will reduce India's arms import bill, and boost our self-reliance. Launching the 'Atma-Nirbharta Week', the minister announced that 101 items over 5 years would be banned in favour of domestic production. The negative list reserved for local manufacture will have not only small arms, but a relatively sophisticated range from light military aircraft, to even long range cruise missiles.

This policy path can only be described as momentous. India imports 65 per cent of its defense needs. Independent arms think tank, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), estimates India's military spend for 2019 at $71.1 billion. We are behind top-spending US ($732 billion) and China's $261 billion, but still ahead of Russia ($65.1 billion) and Saudi Arabia ($61.9 billion). The SIPRI figure is disputed as India's declared defense budget estimates for 2020-21 is $62.85 billion, or about ₹4.9 lakh crore. India has, however, remained the world's second largest arms importer for the 2015-19 period after Saudi Arabia, SIPRI's March 2020 report said.

A 'MAKE-IN-INDIA' REPEAT?

The Defense Minister's 'Atmanirbharta' statement has not been received with the wild applause it might have deserved. The reason for the skepticism: the same NDA government had in its first term unveiled a similar exercise called 'Make In India'. Everyone remembers it. Self-reliance in defense was one of its declared aims, but much of the programme has remained on paper. The 'Make in India' website, pitching for investments says, "The opening of the Defense sector for private sector participation will help foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to enter into strategic partnerships with Indian companies. Besides helping in building domestic capabilities, it will also bolster exports in the long term." The government site also claims: "Since 2014, the Ministry of Defense has signed more than 180 contracts with the Indian Industry, as of December 2019. These contracts were valued over $25.8 Bn approximately."

It is true that projects worth a humungous ₹3.5 lakh crore were signed as part of the 'Make in India' mission; but none of the major ones ranging from new generation stealth submarines and mine-sweepers to fighter jets ever took off in the last 6 years. The only one that appears to be close to fruition is for the manufacture of AK-203 assault rifles being produced at the Korwa Ordinance Factory, in UP in joint venture with Russia.

Some of the major contracts stuck include the ₹8,000 crore Light Utility Helicopter project aimed at replacing the Cheetah/Chetak fleet struggling at the technical evaluation stage, though the contract with Russia was signed in December 2015. Another worth ₹32,000 crore for the production of 12 minesweepers between Goa Shipyard and Kangnam Shipyard of South Korea was scrapped in December 2018.

LOCAL R&D HAS FAILED

We have a large government-run defense R&D and production establishment, but considering India imports 65 per cent of its needs and accounts for 9.2 per cent of the word's arms imports, there is obvious non-performance. The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Rahul Bedi in The Wire points out, has a network of 52 advanced laboratories, manned by 5,000 military scientists and engineers, and a support staff of around 25,000. And, despite a galloping budget that has shot up from ₹13,501 crore in 2016-17, to ₹19,021 crore in 2019-20, it has not much to show.

Then there is the Ordinance Factory Board (OFB) with a fiefdom of 41 establishments and a one lakh workforce, and 9 defense PSUs including Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Such a large infrastructure of R&D and production units should have achieved self-sufficiency quite a while ago; but as Bedi points out in his piece, even 80 per cent of the special high altitude winter clothing used by troops on the Siachen Glacier and on the Chinese border is imported.

Ajai Shukla, another well-known defense commentator, says the problem is "India allocates by far the highest percentage of its defense budget on personnel costs, with a hefty 59 per cent going on salaries and pensions. Even the US and the UK, which pay their soldiers relatively lavishly, spend only 38 per cent and 30.6 per cent on personnel costs. Thus, while China and the UK spend 41 and 42 per cent of their defense budgets on modernisation, and even Pakistan spends a healthy 37 per cent, India can spare no more than 25 per cent on equipment modernisation, ie. capital expenditure.

Military hardware and defense systems need constant upgrades. These involve a huge and focused investment year after year. If the new 'Atmanirbharta' mantra does not rise to the occasion, it will go the 'Make in India' way. Former army chief General (Retd) V P Malik, speaking at a conclave in Chandigarh, last December, plainly said the armed forces are always blamed for supporting imports, but they have no other alternative.

Weak economy, execution record may hamper NIP

Infrastructure pipeline plan aims to spend ₹111 lakh crore on nearly 7,000 projects

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

INDIA on Saturday reiterated plans to spend over ₹110 lakh crore on infrastructure over the next five years, but the plans may be dogged by a weak economy, private sector debt overhang and a slow implementation record.

The National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) plans to spend some ₹111 lakh crore on nearly 7,000 projects across sectors including transport, communications, urban development, energy, and water. The plan is a grand vision involving roping in private and state-run players and many believe it is too ambitious in its scope.

India has a poor record of attracting private players into the costly, and long-gestation infrastructure space. The NIP, perhaps keeping this in mind, wants the private sector to be responsible for 22 per cent of projects by value.

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>
> Senior finance ministry official

Costly and often delayed, private players have in the past been hesitant about investing in infrastructure projects. Disputes with the state over payback and land acquisition issues have more often than not dogged projects, as has inability to pay back lenders in time. IL&FS' spectacular failure is a case in point.

Less-than-robust due diligence, and weaknesses in implementation have meant that many of these projects have turned into bad loans, adding to India's huge pile of bad debt, expected to hit 12.5 per cent of GDP by March 2021.

The Indian economy itself is reeling under the pandemic and is expected to contract for the first time since independence. The IMF has forecast a 4.5 per cent GDP contraction in 2020. Under these circumstances, both lenders and firms are wary of fresh investments in infrastructure.

While State governments are expected to implement about 39 per cent of the projects by value, state finances are also in dire straits—GST collections have halved and central funds devolution has been delayed. Most analysts believe their project implementation capacity has been hit hard.

"The problem is that they are resorting to borrowings to bridge the gap today, which means a larger percentage of income in future years will go to pay back debt, leaving less for them to build infrastructure or commit themselves to other development work," admitted officials in North Bloc's department of economic affairs.

The Centre remains the only hope, something which most departments have realised. On Friday, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman took a meeting of various departments and central PSUs to push them into spending their planned capex.

However, with India's poor record on time and cost overruns of projects, finance ministry officials privately express doubts whether even the Centre's share of the ₹111 lakh crore project pipeline will be completed in time.

PENALTY

Infy independent director fined for inadvertent trade

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT major Infosys has fined its independent director Bobby Parikh for an inadvertent trade in Infosys stock made by his wife's portfolio management team.

The firm said in an exchange filing that the portfolio management services of Bela Parikh, Bobby Parikh's spouse, had bought 2,754 shares during the open trading window period without the knowledge of Bobby Parikh and without obtaining pre-clearance. Bobby Parikh is the joint holder of that account.

The company added that Parikh had confirmed that he was not in possession of any Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI). Infosys's auft committee concluded that this amounted to a violation of company policy and SEBI's Prohibition of Insider Trading 2005, regulations, 2015 and imposed a fine of ₹2 lakh.

It also concluded that "this was an inadvertent trade made without intent to violate... insider trading policy or SEBI's PIT rules.

Sreeleathers firms up South India expansion plan

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

IN a bid to replicate its success in it home market elsewhere, footwear and leather accessories brand Sreeleathers Ltd has firmed up aggressive expansion plans. The Kolkata-based company has a well-established presence in the East and North, and will now focus on exploiting demand in South India through exclusive stores.

"We started our operations in Chennai back in 2012. However, it took us five years to understand the market. Today, we have been able to achieve five per cent of the market share. To grow from here is a different story, but we are aggressively pursuing our expansion plans in the South," said Sushanto Dey, partner, Sreeleathers Ltd. The company also plans to strengthen its footprint in the tier-2 cities and beyond.

Like any other business, the outbreak of the Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdowns have had a significant impact on sales, and Dey believes it would take nearly 1.5 years to go back to the pre-Covid level. "After nil sales in April, we are now doing just about 10 per cent. That said, we believe the working capital crunch will be short-term and demand will revive in the next few months," he said, hoping the festive season will bring some cheers. On the product pipeline front, pandemic-led disruptions have delayed new launches. However, it has accelerated plans to tap the e-commerce segment. As part of a pilot project, the group has also recently carved out a separate entity—House of SL— for its premium range.

Dey is a third-generation entrepreneur at the Sreeleathers group, which was founded in 1952—when leather footwear was seen as a luxury, and the retail industry didn't cater to the middle class. Founded by Suresh Chandra Dey, it now has 40 retail outlets. The company also also prefers a 'conservative' approach to franchies, Dey pointed out.

The 140-crore brand is now looking at opening some 10-15 stores over the next decade.

EXPRESS READ

ICICI Bank raises ₹15,000 cr through QIPs

Bengaluru: ICICI Bank on Saturday said that it has completed the raising of ₹15,000 crore through the allotment of equity shares under the qualified institutional placement (QIP) route. This capital would be used to fund its business growth and meet regulatory capital requirement, it added. Investors were allocated 41.89 crore shares at an issue price of ₹358 per equity share.

MAHINDRA UNVEILS NEW THAR, LAUNCH ON OCT 2

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MAHINDRA & Mahindra on Saturday unveiled the new version of the popular Thar model, theming the launch to coincide with Independence Day. The automaker will announce the retail prices and start taking bookings October 2.

Pawan Goenka, MD & CEO, M&M said that, so far, the company has sold 60,000 units of the Thar, but added that the "sporty and adventurous vehicle enjoys a cult status" among enthusiasts.

The new Thar is also expected to strengthen Mahindra's SUV game. At present, it has a strong SUV lineup of models such as Scorpio, XUV500 and Bolero. The new Thar comes in BS-6 compliant Engine options: 2.0 litre mStallion TGDi Petrol engine and the 2.2 litre mHawk Diesel engine. It has new Gearbox options too, including a 6-speed torque converter automatic transmission.

Lockdown led to rise in sewing machine sales: Usha

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

CONSUMER durables major Usha International's sewing machine division is eying a 10 per cent growth in its revenue this fiscal year. The growth in the masks and PPE kits industry, and a surge in Do-It-Yourself (DIY) activities during the lockdown has boosted demand for sewing machines.

"We are witnessing a 20-25 per cent growth in demand of our products during the lockdown. This is bringing good business," Parveen Kumarr Sahni, senior vice-president, sewing machines business, Usha International told this publication, "We noticed that sewing and quilting as a hobby has risen significantly during the lockdown."

Sahni said that the demand was now actually more than available supply, and that the company was facing issues in catering to this rising demand due to a labour shortage, supply chain disruptions and other restrictions. Only 60 per cent of their capacity is being used currently, he noted.

In the long run, the company aims to double its business over the next five years. Besides strengthening its position in the domestic market, Usha also plans to foray overseas.

"Currently, we are exporting some of our products to neighbouring countries such as Sri Lanka. Going forward, we plan to venture into new markets," said Sahni.

He added that the sewing machine industry, which is mainly unorganised, is set to grow manifold over the next five years and that Usha was well poised to grab a lion's share of it. Apart from new products oriented towards evolving needs of new age customers, the brand is also investing in creating awareness and providing training on the utility of sewing machines to create a larger market.

Business & Beyond

PFC signs agreement to construct Modular Operation Theatres in Siddharthnagar District Hospital, UP

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has signed an agreement with the District Administration of Siddharthnagar in Uttar Pradesh for the construction of two Modular Operation Theatre Rooms in the District Hospital. PFC will provide financial assistance of close to ₹94 lakh. M Prabhakar Das, CGM (CSR&SD), PFC and Dinesh Kumar Chaudhary, Dy. CMO, Siddharthnagar signed the agreement.

Mobile Command Post commissioned at Kolkata Airport

As part of its efforts to enhance emergency capabilities, the Airports Authority of India, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata, has commissioned a state of the art 'Mobile Command Post (MCP)' facility. The MCP is a customized, fully equipped robust vehicle outfitted with specialized equipment to serve as an on-scene command, coordination and communication center for airport emergencies where heads of the coordinating agencies assemble to do their tasks.

IRCTC gears up for the new normal

With the pandemic continuing to spread strong, IRCTC has geared up to face the new scheme of things, it said in a statement. IRCTC, it said, has been actively involved in assisting the government in serving welfare meals to the underprivileged during the initial lockdown. The company also assisted the Railways in providing catering services to migrating labourers on-board Shramik Special Trains. The company has introduced 'Ready to Eat meals' in 200 special passenger trains being run as another initiative of the 'New Normal'.

RCF's Q1 2020-21 profit after tax rises over 136% in Q1FY21

RCF has improved its Gross Profit (EBIDTA) by 13 per cent in the first quarter of current financial year, registering an increase from ₹111.79 crore in the previous year's quarter to ₹126.41 crore this year. Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) more than doubled its standalone profit after tax in the June 2020 quarter to ?19.18 crore from ?8.13 crore in corresponding quarter of previous year registering an increase of 136 per cent.

IIM Nagpur welcomes sixth PGP Batch in a virtual ceremony

The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur (IIMN) welcomed its sixth batch of the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) in Management, in a virtually conducted event on July 30, 2020. The event saw the presence of Manu Midha, Head, Middle East Business, OYO Arabia who joined the meeting from the UAE; and was attended by IIMN faculty, staff, senior students, and students of the Batch of 2020-22 from their respective homes. The ceremony marked the beginning of the orientation programme for the new batch.

GRSE launches new Modernisation Facility in line with Atmanirbhar mission

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. launched two new facilities as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Week Celebration: a state-of-the-art indigenous underwater CNC Plasma Cutting Machine and a Modern Hull Block Fabrication Complex. Both were virtually inaugurated by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and marks the achievement of a major milestone in the shipyard's ongoing modernisation plan.

Ordnance Factory Board inaugurates three new facilities in line with Atmanirbhar mission

As a part observing the 'Atmanirbhar Week', three facilities of the Ordnance Factory Board were dedicated to the nation by the Union Defe through video conferencing. These facilities comprise of a manufacturing facility for sighting devices for T-90 Tanks, Dehradun; an automated assembly line for Pinaka Rockets at the Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur; and an assembly and testing facility of NATO standard machine gun SRCG.

RANCHI TO INDIA

A never-ending search for a batsman-keeper leads India to MS Dhoni, who is included in the side for the tour of Bangladesh, after smashing two centuries for India A against Pakistan A. The tour wasn't one to remember for Dhoni, as he was run out for zero in his debut match.

More than a year after playing his last ODI in the 2019 World Cup semifinal, Mahendra Singh Dhoni — the only captain to lay hands on WT20, World Cup and Champions Trophy — retires from international cricket, putting an end to speculations. The 39-year-old will continue to be part of Chennai Super Kings

OUT OF THE BLUE

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

NOT that this was not on the cards or people did not expect it. But MS Dhoni left his own, unique mark while announcing retirement from international cricket on Saturday. No one at the practice session of the Chennai Super Kings had a clue. Nor did anyone in BCCI saw it coming. Like the rest of the world, they all came to know about it from Dhoni's Instagram post.

No farewell speech, no get together of illustrious peers, not a chance for anyone to say goodbye in person. Perfect, for a player who prefers making announcements that shake the cricketing world in the least expected manner. Out of the blue! Only difference this time was the Mohammed Rafi song accompanying the Instagram post, lending a sense of drama to the situation.

The montage of photographs in the post capturing memorable moments of a career that lasted almost 15 years (just short of 16, counting the period since last year's World Cup semifinal during which he didn't play for India) was not instantaneous though. It was well thought out and conceptualised and must have taken time to compile. He was thinking about it, without making it known. That's how he has been, keeping his cards close to his chest.

That's how he was in England last year. International media kept chasing him, asking mainly one question. "Are you going to make that announcement after this World Cup? Or is the T20 World Cup in your plans?" He smiled, looked away and even obliged requests for selfies at Old Trafford one day, without breaking his silence. It seemed he was playing with them. By not saying anything, he was making the world more and more eager to ask that question.

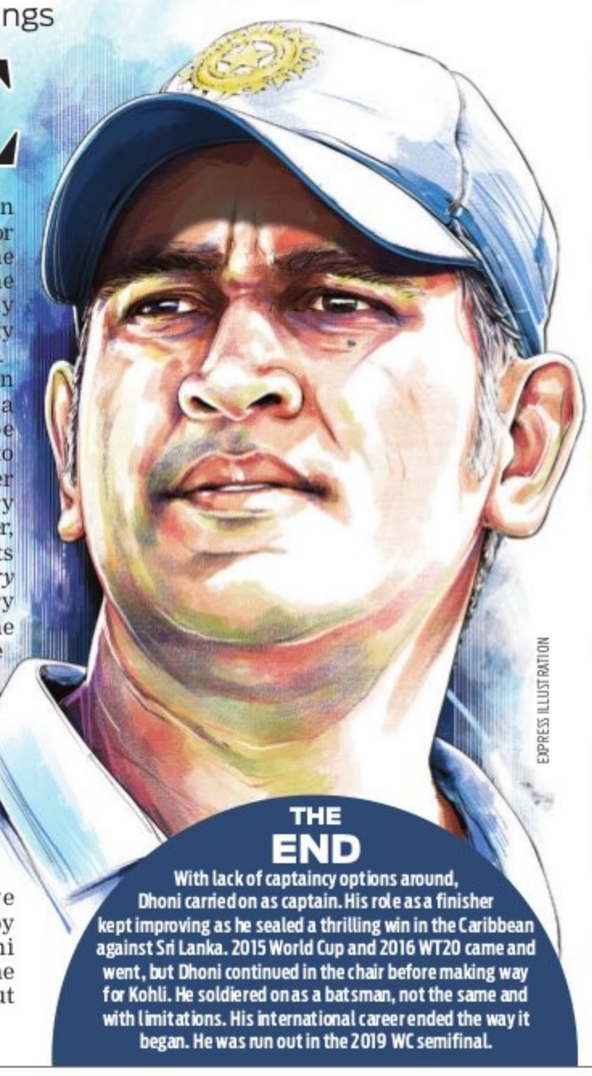
Is this how he has always been? Most of those to have come in contact with him say yes. No one can coax anything out of him. This self-built screen to keep the world at bay remained intact from 2007, after he became captain. People tried known and unknown tricks to break his defence, which remained impregnable for 13 years.

> **Every good thing comes to an end and this has been an absolutely brilliant one. He has set the standards for the wicketkeepers to come and make a mark for the country.**
> Sourav Ganguly, BCCI president

This mystique adds to the aura of the man. Helicopter shot, abnormal ability to stay calm under pressure, making improbable targets look achievable, uncanny foresight in making match-turning bowling changes will all remain part of Indian cricket lore. Equally or more remarkable was the curtain he used to separate himself from the world. Living like that for so many years despite being a super celebrity makes Dhoni different from his peers.

He was never swayed by the adulation showered on him. It's natural for a performer of his stature to be surrounded by people who say things to please him. In Edgbaston last year, after a scratchy and unbeaten half-century against the West Indies in Manchester, Dhoni was walking towards the nets toed by people who kept saying "*century tha, time nahi mila* (there was a century for the taking, time proved to be the constraint)." Many of them were known to him, but Dhoni just walked away without even looking at them.

And that's how it remained till the end. There were talk about his retirement after last year's World Cup and Dhoni made the announcement after speculations died down. Postponement of this year's T20 World Cup might have played a part in his decision. But by springing a surprise of sorts, Dhoni lived up to his reputation of being one who pulls a rabbit out of the hat. Out of the Blue, literally.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

THE END

With lack of captaincy options around, Dhoni carried on as captain. His role as a finisher kept improving as he sealed a thrilling win in the Caribbean against Sri Lanka. 2015 World Cup and 2016 WT20 came and went, but Dhoni continued in the chair before making way for Kohli. He soldiered on as a batsman, not the same and with limitations. His international career ended the way it began. He was run out in the 2019 WC semifinal.

REMEMBER THE NAME

The long-haired maniac had announced his arrival with 148 vs Pakistan. But it was the Sri Lanka series that sealed his spot. His 183*, remains the highest score by a wicketkeeper in ODIs and also the highest in a chase. He became the posterboy of Indian cricket.

IMPRESSING MUSHARAFF

During India's tour of Pakistan in 2006, Dhoni pulled off a heist at Lahore with then Pakistan President Gen Pervez Musharaff in attendance. That Dhoni did so in stunning fashion drew applause from everyone, including Musharaff, who also took a liking for Dhoni's hair-style.

2007 WORLD CUP

After India's early exit, Dhoni's effigies were burnt in front of his house in Ranchi. It is said this incident left Dhoni to retrospect, especially with police guarding him on arrival. "It felt as if we had committed a big crime, maybe like a murderer or terrorist or something."

HELLO, CAPTAIN

Named captain for WT20 in South Africa. Sans big names, Dhoni led a young side with unforeseen calm for an Indian captain, as they defeated Pakistan to lift India's first world title since 1983. Was made ODI captain soon after and the name 'Captain Cool' started trending.

CB SERIES

Seeds to win the 2011 World Cup were planted in Australia. Seniors Sourav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid found no place in Dhoni's ODI side as Gautam Gambhir, Suresh Raina, Rohit Sharma were preferred as India won their first ODI series in Australia since the 1985 World Championship.

BUILDING THE CORE

From 2008-2011, India grew from strength to strength. With an eye on 2011 WC, Dhoni ensured enough players were tested. India conquered uncharted territories as Asia Cup and bilateral series were won effortlessly.

200

No of ODIs in which Dhoni led India. Out of those India won 110. In T20Is, he led India in 72 matches, winning 41 of those.

2011 WORLD CUP

Strictly speaking as a batsman, Dhoni had another World Cup to forget till the final. Walking in ahead of an in-form Yuvraj Singh in the final, Dhoni's unbeaten 91 powered India to a second 50-over World Cup title. Put him among all-time India greats.

2013 CHAMPIONS TROPHY

His captaincy wasn't great in Tests, but two years later in England, after the exit of Gautam Gambhir, Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh, Dhoni's India remained unbeaten in the campaign as he became the first captain in the world to lay hands on WT20, World Cup and Champions Trophy.

Bayern thrash Barca, reach CL semis

AFP @ Lisbon

A merciless Bayern Munich inflicted a humiliating, record defeat on Barcelona on Friday, recording a scarcely believable 8-2 victory in their Champions League quarter-final in Lisbon to leave Lionel Messi forlorn and surely hastening in the end of an era in Catalonia. Thomas Mueller scored twice either side of goals from Ivan Perisic and Serge Gnabry in a stunning opening 31 minutes at Estadio da Luz, with a David Alaba own-goal having briefly brought Barcelona back level.

Luis Suarez pulled it back to 4-2 at one point in the second half, but Barcelona then caved in, with Joshua Kimmich getting Bayern's fifth before three more goals in the final stages, one for the prolific Robert Lewandowski and two for substitute Philippe Coutinho.

That was the really humiliating part for the beaten side, with Coutinho on loan in Bavaria from Barcelona, who spent 160 million euros on signing the Brazilian in 2018 but never got the best out of him. "We knew it is never easy against Barcelona, but this is an unbelievable result," said Kimmich. "It's hard to comprehend."

It is Barcelona's worst European defeat and the worst of Messi's career. The game was eerily reminiscent of Germany's 7-1 destruction of Brazil in the 2014 World Cup, a game in which Mueller also played and scored.

Germany went on to win that World Cup and Bayern look a good bet to win this Champions League, although they will surely face a sterner test in the semi-final regardless of whether it is against Manchester City or Lyon.

"In the 7-1 win in Brazil we didn't have the same amount of control. Yes we were good but tonight the way we dominated the game was brutal," said Mueller. This was Bayern's 19th consecutive victory in all competitions, and a 28th game unbeaten for Hansi Flick's side.

Training in Dubai for three elite swimmers

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

AFTER over five months of inaction, Indian swimmers can finally think of taking a dip in the pool. Virdhawal Khade, Srihari Nataraj and Kushagra Rawat, who have made the Olympic B cut, will fly to Dubai for a 60-day camp. The trip has been cleared by Sports Authority of India (SAI). They will train at Aqua Nation Swimming Academy.

The Swimming Federation of India (SFI) proposed the idea of training in Dubai last month after the city was opened for visitors. "Dubai was the only option, as travel from India is limited to a few countries," SFI secretary general Monal Chokshi told this daily.

Swimming coach Pradeep Kumar is already there at the academy in Dubai. Srihari's coach, AC Jairaj, is set to accompany the swimmers for the camp, which is expected to start early September.

The swimmers, after the visa and tickets process formalities are done, will fly out to Dubai. They will also have to obtain a negative Covid-19 certificate — valid upto 96 hours from time of PCR test — before arriving in Dubai. "It will take a few days for the visa process and tickets to be done. We are hoping to have them travel out by the 25th of the month. The camp could start, maybe by early September," added Chokshi.

Besides the trio, Sajan Prakash, Aryan Makhija and Advait Page have also made the B cut. While Sajan is training in Thailand the other two are training in the US. All the six swimmers have a common goal of achieving the tough A qualification mark.

"I will start slow. I am not someone who is known for taking so much of a load immediately after a break. I will start by getting back my feel (on water), my technique and so on. I will only come to know about how much work I need to do once I start getting into the water," Srihari, the backstroke specialist, said.

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMARAJANAGARA

NO:CMC/CHN/T.S/J.E/TN-74/2020-21, DATE: 07.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

The commissioner, City Municipal Council chamarajanagar invites e-procurement tender from contractors as per KW-2 & KW-3 Tender documents. Work details as given below.

Sl No	Name of work	Tender amount (Rs. In lakhs)	EMD amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT104388 (completion period is 3 months)	37.00	0.74
2	DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT104508	90.60 (annual)	1.812

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurcment platform to participate in this tender, contractors can download the documents from e-procurements platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender tender processing fees shall be paid electronically.

Calendars of Events

1	Last date for receiving tender	22.08.2020 upto 5.30 pm
2	Date of opening of tenders technical bids	24.08.2020 at 11.00 am

SD/- COMMISSIONER
CMC, CHAMARAJANAGAR

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 908/BGK/SEE/AEE(Civil)/Tr.(W&M)/20-21/2104-11 Date: 14-08-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tender on electronic mode for the Civil Engineering works for following works.

1) Tender No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT7215 for Conducting Contouring/Block Levelling survey and Geo-technical investigation for Establishing 2x500MVA, 400/220kV substation in the vicinity of Bijapur-Bagewadi area at Yalawar (Tentative location) - change of location to Shivanagi in Vijayapur taluk, Vijayapur District along with revised 220kV connectivity.

2) Tender No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT7221 for conducting Preliminary and detailed survey for Construction of 220KV DC line from Proposed 400/220KV Hadagali (Devarahipparagi) Substation to the existing 220/110/11KV Substation at Indi in Indi Taluk, Vijayapur district for a distance of 65Kms

3) Tender No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT7223 for conducting Preliminary and detailed survey for Construction of 220-220KV MC line to LILO the existing 220KV Basavana Bagewadi - Vijayapur DC line near Nandyal 220KV switching station to the Proposed 400/220KV Hadagali (Devarahipparagi) Substation for a distance of 40Kms.

4) Tender No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT7220 for conducting Preliminary and detailed survey for Construction of 400KV DC Quad Moose line from 400KV STPPP of NTPC Kudagi to Proposed 400KV Substation Hadagali (Devarahipparagi) for a distance of 70Kms in Vijayapur Taluk & District.

5) Tender No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT7224 for conducting Preliminary and detailed survey for Construction of 400KV DC Quad Moose line from proposed 400/220KV Gulbarga Substation to the Proposed 400KV Substation at Hadagali (Devarahipparagi) for a distance of 145Kms in Vijayapur Taluk and district.

6) Tender No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT7222 for conducting Preliminary and detailed survey for Construction of 220-220KV MC line to LILO the existing 220KV Lingasugur - Basavana Bagewadi DC line to the Proposed 400/220KV Hadagali (Devarahipparagi) Substation for a distance of 65Kms.

The tenders will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notifications regarding the above Civil Engineering works enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement–KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05:30 Hrs on 14.08.2020**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable Property) [rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** Administrative Office No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040 under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date receipt of the said notice towards the loan facilities availed from our Bank **Akkipet Branch.**

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** No. 1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040.

Description of the Immovable Property

1. Name & Address of the Loanee	**: Sri P Mahadev,** Proprietor South India Tours, No.433/434, Alankar Perl Plaza, Kempegowda Road, Bangalore-560009
1A.Name & Address of the Guarantor	**: 1. Smt. Leelavathi** W/o P Mahadev guarantor's address as above
Loan A/c No.	**: 1) MTLN-2412 & 2) MTLN-512**
Balance Out Standing	**: Total outstanding of Loan A/c Nos. 1 & 2 Rs. 40,73,373 /-** (Rupees Forty lakh seventy three thousand three hundred seventy three only) with interest overdue & other charges as on 10-08-2020 & further interest & other charges as applicable.
Possession taken on	**: 11-08-2020**
Details of Property	: All that part and parcel of the Property bearing No.23, No.433, No.433 A, Shop No.434 as mentioned in Annexure-1.
East by	: As mentioned in Annexure-1
West by	: As mentioned in Annexure-1
North by	: As mentioned in Annexure-1
South by	: As mentioned in Annexure-1
2. Name & Address of the Loanee	**: M/s. Shivananda Trading Corporation** Represented by its Proprietor **Sri D.R.Shashikumar,** No G.F-3, Sterling Towers, K.S.S.I.D.C. Industrial Estate, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
2A.Name & Address of the Guarantor	**: 1. D.R. Shashikumar,** Proprietor, M/s. Shivananda Trading Corporation **2. Smt. B. Mallika** W/o D.R. Shashikumar, No. 936, 5th floor, 66th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010
Loan A/c No.	**: CCL-1**
Balance Outstanding	**: Rs. 48,40,247/-** (Rupees forty eight lakhs forty thousand two hundred and forty seven only) with interest overdue and other charges as on 10-08-2020 and further interest and other charges as applicable.
Possession taken on	**: 11-08-2020**
Details of Property	: All that part and parcel of the Property No.34(1), (Old No.181), 12th 'B' Main, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010,

Measurement : East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 30 feet total 1200 square feet standing in the name of Borrower and bounded as follows:

East by	: Site No 248
West by	: Road
North by	: Site No 182
South by	: Site No 180

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore-560 040

Bangalore
Date : 14-08-2020

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
#109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004. Phone No.22956419 / 420 Sale Officer : 8095340265

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank ltd has brought to sale the below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged to **Sir. M Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd,** in **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** under the Securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred U/s 13(4) read with (Rules 8 & 9)

Name of the Borrower : **1. M/s. Chamundi Builders Represented by its proprietor Sri. Sunder C R** No.26, Chamundi Mansion, 22nd Main Road, J P Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bangalore – 560 078. 2. Smt. K Geetha W/o Sri C R Sunder Guarantor, No.53, 33rd Main, 16th Cross, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore - 560078.

(DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY)

All that Piece and Parcel of the residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.24/2, BBMP Khatha No.22/24/1/24/2/2, situated at Hosahalli Village,Ganigarapalya Dhakale, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 30 guntas and bounded on :- East by: Private property in Sy.No.24/2, West by : Land in Sy No. 24/4, North by : Private property in Sy.No.24/2, South by : BBMP 100 ft. Main Road.

SCHEDULE-B: (FLATS HEREBY MORTGAGED) 36 Residential flats situated at apartment known as "Chamundi Amberwoods" constructed on Schedule – A Property, coming into the Share of First Party M/s.Chamundi Builders with super built up area and undivided share of land as mentioned below :-

Sl No	Flat No	Super Built Area	Undivided Share of Land	Sl No	Flat No	Super Built Area	Undivided Share of Land
1	101	1636 Sft	456.73 Sft	19	701	1718 Sft	479.58 Sft
				20	702	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft
2	103	1668 Sft	465.75 Sft	21	704	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft
3	104	1452 Sft	405.34 Sft	22	803	1807 Sft	504.41 Sft
4	202	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft	23	804	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft
5	203	1807 Sft	504.41 Sft	24	805	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft
6	205	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft	25	901	1718 Sft	479.58 Sft
7	301	1718 Sft	479.58 Sft	26	902	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft
8	302	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft	27	904	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft
9	304	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft	28	1001	1718 Sft	479.58 Sft
10	403	1807 Sft	504.41 Sft	29	1003	1807 Sft	504.41 Sft
11	404	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft	30	1005	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft
12	405	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft	31	1101	1718 Sft	479.58 Sft
13	501	1718 Sft	479.58 Sft	32	1102	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft
14	502	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft	33	1105	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft
15	504	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft	34	1203	1807 Sft	504.41 Sft
16	602	1773 Sft	494.89 Sft	35	1204	1630 Sft	454.97 Sft
17	603	1807 Sft	504.41 Sft	36	1205	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft
18	605	1721 Sft	480.45 Sft				

Details of secured debts: **TL 9/20**

Total due Rs. 21,62,91,589/- (Rupees Twenty One Crores Sixty Two Lakhs Ninenty One Thousand Five hundred and Eighty Nine Only) as on **30.06.2019** with further interest and costs,

Reserve Price – **Rs.18,00,00,000/-** | EMD Amount – **Rs.1,80,00,000/-**

We are going to conduct the public auction of your immovable property through public auction on 11.09.2020, Friday at 12.30 PM at Corporate Office Premises, No. 109, Shankar mutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560004 for the realization of the loan amount due to the Bank.

Other Terms and Condition:

1) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. This amount should be deposited.
2) The property as described shall not be sold below the reserve price.
3) The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount inclusive of EMD immediately on the same day in RTGS / DD to the Bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction, failing which the amount already paid by him/her will be forfeited.
4) The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the Bank without any Prior Notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
5) The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee, local taxes and any other statutory dues etc.
6) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
7) The property sold under AS IS WHERE IS CONDITIONS and terms stipulated under Securitization Act 2002. The authorized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and conditions of this notice of sale without prior notice at his discretion.
8) For inspection of the property or any further details the intending bidders may contact undersigned at **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co Operative Bank Limited, No.109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560004 during office hours. Ph No. Sale officer: 8095340265, Manager :9480885373 , Shankarmutt Road, Branch : 080-22956403/080-22956404**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23.07.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING > WINSTON CHURCHILL

Researchers have found that walking with a purpose — especially walking to get to work — makes people walk faster and leads to health benefits. The study, published in the *Journal of Transport and Health*, found that walking for different reasons yielded different levels of self-rated health.

Drug for bipolar disorder may help fight Covid-19

Researchers find Ebselen, used to treat hearing loss and other diseases, decreases the activity of Mpro, a key coronavirus enzyme

POTENTIAL CURE

WASHINGTON: Using state-of-the-art computer simulations, scientists have identified a pre-existing drug, used to treat multiple diseases, including bipolar disorders and hearing loss, that could prevent the novel coronavirus from replicating in host cells, an advance that may lead to a therapeutic solution against Covid-19.

The study, published in the journal *Science Advances*, assessed the molecule main protease, Mpro, of the novel coronavirus which is a key enzyme that plays a central role in its life cycle.

According to the researchers, including those from the University of Chicago in the US, Mpro facilitates the virus' ability to make proteins from its genetic material — RNA — and enables the pathogen to replicate within the host cell.

Using their expertise in modelling biological molecules, the scientists rapidly screened thousands of existing compounds for potential use against the virus.

"By virtue of the large number of compounds considered in high throughput screens, those calculations must necessarily involve a number of simplifications, and the results must then be evaluated using experiments and more refined calculations," explained study co-author Juan de Pablo from the University of Chicago.

They found that the pharmaceutical drug that shows promise as a weapon against Mpro is Ebselen — a chemical compound with anti-viral, anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidative, bactericidal and cell-protective properties.

According to the researchers, Ebselen is used to treat multiple diseases, including bipolar disorders and hearing loss. They said several clinical trials have proven its safety for use in humans.

In the research, de Pablo and his team developed detailed models of the enzyme and the drug, and with sophisticated supercomputer simulations they discovered that Ebselen is able to decrease Mpro's activity in two different ways.

"In addition to binding at the catalytic site of the enzyme, Ebselen also binds strongly to a distant site, which interferes with the enzyme's catalytic function by relying on a mechanism in which information is carried from one region of a large molecule to another region far away from it through subtle structural reorganisations," de Pablo said.

According to the scientists, this finding is particularly important since it helps explain Ebselen's potential efficacy as a repurposed drug, and reveals a new vulnerability in the virus that was previously not known and that could be useful in developing new therapeutic strategies against Covid-19.

While the researchers believe further studies are needed to test the drug against Covid-19, they believe the two binding sites on Mpro look promising for Ebselen to be a new drug lead.

"The main protease is one of many proteins in the virus that could be targeted with existing, repurposed drugs, and there are thousands of compounds to be considered," de Pablo said.

"We are systematically investigating each of the proteins involved in the virus function and investigating their vulnerabilities and their responses to a wide range of drugs," he added.

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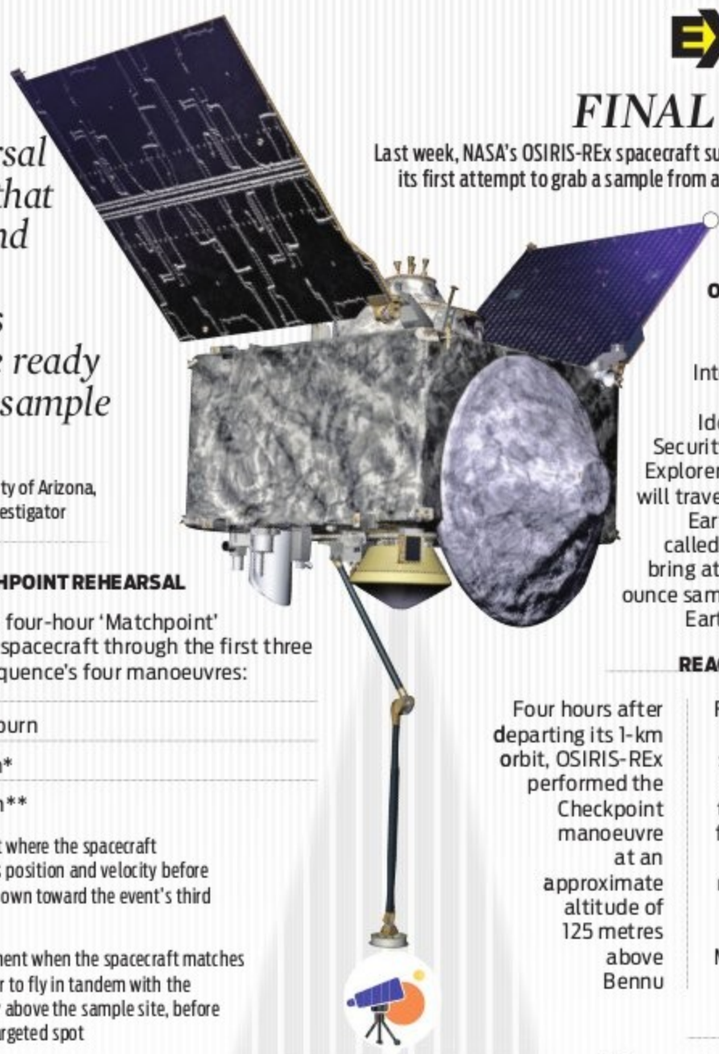
> *This rehearsal confirmed that the team and all of the spacecraft's systems are ready to collect a sample in October*
>
> Dante Lauretta, University of Arizona, OSIRIS-REx principal investigator

EXFILE

FINAL DRY RUN!

Last week, NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft successfully performed its final practice before making its first attempt to grab a sample from asteroid Bennu's surface in October. We take a look



WHAT IS OSIRIS-REx?

The Origins Spectral Interpretation Resource Identification Security - Regolith Explorer spacecraft will travel to a near-Earth asteroid, called Bennu and bring at least a 2.1-ounce sample back to Earth for study

Radius: **262.5 m**

Mass: **78 billion kg**

Orbital period: **438 days**

FOUR-HOUR MATCHPOINT REHEARSAL

The approximately four-hour 'Matchpoint' rehearsal took the spacecraft through the first three of the sampling sequence's four manoeuvres:

1. Orbit departure burn
2. Checkpoint burn*
3. Matchpoint burn**

*Checkpoint is the point where the spacecraft autonomously checks its position and velocity before adjusting its trajectory down toward the event's third manoeuvre.

*Matchpoint is the moment when the spacecraft matches Bennu's rotation in order to fly in tandem with the asteroid surface, directly above the sample site, before touching down on the targeted spot

REACHES CLOSEST TO BENNU

Four hours after departing its 1-km orbit, OSIRIS-REx performed the Checkpoint manoeuvre at an approximate altitude of 125 metres above Bennu

From there, the spacecraft continued to descend for another eight minutes to perform the Matchpoint burn

After descending on this new trajectory for another three minutes, the spacecraft reached an altitude of approximately 40 metres — the closest the spacecraft has ever been to Bennu . There it then performed a back-away burn to complete the rehearsal

CRUCIAL REHEARSAL

This second rehearsal provided the mission team with practice navigating the spacecraft through the first three manoeuvres of the sampling event and with an opportunity to verify that the spacecraft's imaging, navigation and ranging systems operated as expected during the first part of the descent sequence

TOUCH AND GO

During the rehearsal, the spacecraft successfully deployed its sampling arm, the Touch-And-Go Sample Acquisition Mechanism (TAGSAM), from its folded, parked position out to the sample collection configuration

OSIRIS-REx'S AIM

Help scientists investigate how planets formed and how life began, as well as improve our understanding of asteroids that could impact Earth

SAMPLE SITE

Nightingale, OSIRIS-REx's primary sample collection site, is located within a crater in Bennu's northern hemisphere

SEPT 24, 2023

SCHEDULED DATE THE SPACECRAFT WILL RETURN THE SAMPLE TO EARTH

OCT 20

- Spacecraft will travel all the way to the asteroid's surface during its first sample collection attempt
- During this event, OSIRIS-REx's sampling mechanism will touch Bennu's surface for approximately five seconds
- During which it will fire a charge of pressurised nitrogen to disturb the surface and collect a sample before the spacecraft backs away

US creating virus strain to infect volunteers in its search for a vaccine

CHALLENGE STUDIES

WASHINGTON: US scientists are developing a strain of the coronavirus that could be used to deliberately infect volunteers in so-called "challenge studies," a government agency said on Friday.

The work is preliminary and the government is continuing to prioritise randomised clinical trials of vaccine candidates, the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) said.

Several of these have entered their final stages, including the vaccines developed by Moderna, Pfizer and AstraZeneca. But NIAID has nonetheless "begun efforts to manufacture a strain that could be used to develop a human challenge model, if needed," it said in a statement.

In normal clinical trials, volunteers receive either a medicine or a placebo and their health is then followed over the course of months of years. Scientists look for how well the vaccine or treatment worked when the person was naturally exposed to the pathogen.

A quicker way to test whether a drug works is by deliberately infecting volunteers, as has been done in the past for influenza, malaria, typhoid, dengue fever, and cholera.

In the US, advocacy groups like 1DaySooner support challenge studies for Covid-19, but the subject is controversial because of how serious the disease can be and because its effects aren't fully understood. NIAID said it would probably reach a decision toward the end of 2020, when the late-stage clinical trials that are underway start reporting their results.

This would help it determine whether challenge studies are needed, safe and ethical, it added.

David Diemert, the director of George Washington University's vaccine trial research unit who is overseeing a trial of Moderna's vaccine in the US capital, told *AFP* he did not think challenge trials were appropriate for Covid-19.

"I think they're a critical tool, but only under the right circumstances," he said.

Diemert is himself leading a challenge trial into a hookworm vaccine.

Zoo live-streams birth of elephant

ZOOM BABY

PUEBLA: A baby African elephant whose birth was live-streamed by a safari park in Mexico has been named Zoom after the video chat app made popular by the coronavirus pandemic.

The calf is the sixth born at the park in Puebla to a herd of elephants rescued eight years ago in Namibia, where they were threatened by poachers.

"The birth of an elephant is difficult to see," said Frank Carlos Camacho, director of Africam Safari, where the baby elephant was seen Friday playing between its mother's legs.

"It's very useful for science, measuring times, fluid volumes, among other factors," he told *AFP*.

The park said its goal is for the elephants to eventually return to Africa.

"They're not ours. They belong to the world," Camacho said. "We want them to be in Africa, but the current conditions are difficult. People working in tourism were left without jobs due to the pandemic and they're looking for alternatives. The outlook is terrible," he said.

Baby Zoom seen with its mother in the Africam Safari Park in Puebla, Mexico on Friday. The mother was brought to Mexico as a baby from Namibia, where poaching is rampant | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Will Meet replace Duo?

TECH BUZZ

Google Duo has become a popular video calling app in the four years since its launch and now a new report claims the search engine giant is planning to replace Duo with Meet. According to a report in *9to5Google*, the new head of Google's communication services, Javier Soltero, doesn't see any reason for both services existing. Instead, Soltero is reportedly spearheading an initiative known as Duet (Duo and Meet) that will see some of Duo's features integrated into Meet, including end-to-end encryption, 3D effects, and contacting users for a video via phone number. Since the pandemic began and video calling services surged in popularity, Google has been making rapid improvements to Meet and even made it free for all type of users.

Heat & fires in California

BLAZE THREAT

Bone-dry vegetation fuelled three wildfires near Los Angeles amid warnings on Friday that the risk of new blazes erupting was high as temperatures spike and humidity levels drop during a statewide heat wave. A huge forest fire that prompted evacuations north of Los Angeles flared up on Friday afternoon, sending up an enormous cloud of smoke as it headed down to the desert floor and the California aqueduct in the Antelope Valley. Record-breaking heat is possible through the weekend and unhealthy air predicted for many parts of the state. There also was a chance of isolated thunderstorms worsening the fire threat by creating dry lightning and strong downdrafts, fire officials said.

FISHY CALL

US orders killing hundreds of sea lions to save vulnerable salmon and trout

WILDLIFE CONUNDRUM

SEATTLE: US authorities on Friday gave wildlife managers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho permission to start killing hundreds of sea lions in the Columbia River basin in hopes of helping struggling salmon and steelhead trout.

The bulky marine mammals long ago figured out that they could feast on the migrating fish where they bottleneck at dams or where they head up tributaries to spawn.

"These are places where the fish are really vulnerable," said Shaun Clements, senior policy analyst for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We have to manage this so the fish can get through to spawn."

The new permit allows the states and several Native American tribes to kill 540 California sea lions and 176 Steller sea lions over the next five years along a 290-kilometre stretch of the Columbia, from Portland to the McNary Dam upriver, as well as in several tributaries.

It's the first time they have been allowed to kill the much larger Steller sea lions. The sea lions, whose populations generally are healthy, have posed a long-running conundrum for wildlife officials, pitting mammals protected under federal law against protected — and valuable — fish runs.

Complicating matters is that Columbia River salmon are a key food source for the Pacific Northwest's endangered population of orcas, which scientists say are at risk of extinction if they don't get more sustenance.

Over the last few decades, authorities have tried all kinds of less-lethal methods to deter the sea lions, including traps, rubber bullets and explosives, to no avail. They would return days after being relocated hundreds of kilometres away.

A sea lion eats a salmon in the Columbia River, Washington | AP

The Port of Astoria in Oregon even tried a fake, motorised orca made of fiberglass in a futile effort to keep them off its docks.

Authorities began killing some California sea lions at the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River about 13 years ago, under restrictions that required them to first document each targeted animal in the area five times, observe it eating salmon and wait for it to enter a trap. Some 238 have been killed there.

Under changes to the Marine Mammal Protection Act two years ago, authorities will no longer face such restrictions. They will be able to tranquilise, capture or trap any sea lions in the area, then bring them to another location to give them a lethal injection. The permit forbids them from shooting sea lions.

Sharon Young, senior strategist for marine wildlife at the Humane Society, called the sea lions the least of the salmon's problems. Fishing, competition from hatchery fish and habitat loss, including dams and culverts that block their passage or raise water temperatures, are far more serious, she said.

"Killing the sea lions isn't going to address any of that. It is only going to distract from what they aren't doing to address the real problems salmon are facing. You're killing sea lions for nothing," she said.